

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

A Question Of  
Motives

THE world is left wondering what are the real motives behind the recent "softening" of Russian diplomacy. The sudden decision to conclude a treaty with Austria has been followed by a cautious yet unmistakable hint from Marshal Bulganin that the Kremlin is prepared to "talk turkey" at a Big Four conference on vital international problems. The big question is whether these signs indicate a change of purpose in Soviet international relations, or merely a change of tactics aimed at serving the long-established policy of a cold war.

Because it represents a practical move, the agreement reached with the Austrian Chancellor paving the way for Austria's freedom and sovereignty is the most intriguing thing the Soviets have done for a long time. What motivated the action? The answer might well be found in Germany. Conceivably the Soviet leaders are ready to sacrifice their hold on Austria in the hope that by so doing they will get another opportunity to establish a hold on all of Germany.

ALREADY Moscow, through its official propagandists, is somewhat naively suggesting the purpose of the move. According to them the Austrian treaty provides the "model" for a German treaty. Dr. Adenauer is advised to follow the example of Herr Raab and to negotiate directly with Mr. Molotov. Germany is told she would find Russia ready and willing to give her freedom and reunification provided only that she will accept the Austrian model. The essential feature of the model would be acceptance of a status of permanent "neutrality" after the Swiss pattern, involving, naturally, annulment of all West Germany's associations with the NATO countries. It is a suggestion which may sound tempting to many German minds and not unreasonable to many in other countries. But there is a vast difference between Austria and Germany. There is the all-important fact that withdrawal of all allied troops would leave in all Germany a single force—the Soviet-trained Communist-controlled East German army which has been in existence for nearly four years and which is equipped with artillery, armour and planes.

EVEN the pretext that it is a "police force" is being abandoned. It is emerging as a "militant army." In Western Germany, on the other hand, there is no such armed force. Western Germany has not begun to rearm; even the "advers" of twelve divisions will not exist until the end of next year.

The future of a country in which, whatever its paper constitution, the only military force would be a Communist army of some 100,000 men is not hard to predict when the fate of the "free" constitutions of Poland and Czechoslovakia is recalled. It would almost certainly pass under Communist domination within a year. The Western powers would be helpless to prevent such a development for they would be pledged to "non-intervention" and their own defence system would have been disrupted. While on the face of it the Soviet agreement with Austria is above-board, the possibility of an ulterior aim—the disruption of West Germany—cannot at this stage, be wholly discounted by the Big Three. They must remain watchful of future Russian overtures to the Bonn government.

# SOVIET-JAPAN PEACE TALKS FOR LONDON

## End Of Friendship Treaty

Russians Confirm Annulment

Moscow, Apr. 25. The Foreign Affairs committee of both houses of the Russian Parliament in joint session today approved the Soviet government's decision to annul her wartime friendship treaty with Britain, whom she accuses of violating it by the moves to rearm the Germans.

Deputy D. T. Shelov presided. Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported, and the First Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. V. V. Kuznetsov, read a report on the annulment of the treaty.

Mr. M. I. Kuchava of the Georgian Republic said in a speech that both countries had undertaken in the 1942 treaty to take measures which would make any repudiation of German aggression impossible and had pledged themselves not to join alliances directed against each other.

At a time when the Soviet Union was faithful in letter and spirit to the Anglo-Soviet agreement Britain embarked on the road of violating her obligations and increasing the threat of a revival of German aggression," he said.

"The British government has turned this document into a kind of cloak with which she endeavours to cover up her policy of supporting German militarists."

He said the Soviet Union could not be reconciled to such a position.

Mr. I. G. Kebin (Estonian Republic) said the British government was one of the main initiators of the aggressive bloc of the Western powers in alliance with a remilitarised Western Germany.

"This policy is not fortuitous, inasmuch as the former Prime Minister Churchill publicly declared that even at the end of war with Germany he was taking steps to rearm the surrendering Hitlerites and throw them against the heroic Soviet army."

LOST ITS FORCE  
The joint session decided to recommend the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet to annul the Anglo-Soviet treaty on the grounds that it had lost its force.

Ratification by Britain of the Paris agreements was held to be a direct violation of her undertakings under the treaty.

(Britain has denied that the Paris agreements clash with the friendship treaty with Russia which she said last January could still make "an important contribution" to relations between the two countries and to European security in general.)—Reuter.

## Russia Agrees To Proposal WILL BEGIN IN EARLY JUNE

New York, Apr. 25. Japan's choice of London as the site for Soviet-Japanese peace talks was acceptable to the Soviet Union, and formal negotiations were expected to begin early in June, it was announced here today.

The announcement, made by Mr. Renzo Sawada, Japan's observer to the United Nations, was a culmination of an exchange of a series of notes since February between him and Mr. Arkady Sobolev, chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations.

Mr. Sobolev called on Mr. Sawada tonight and handed him a note in which the Soviet government agreed to London as the site for the peace talks. Mr. Sawada, asked when the discussions would begin, said that he had told Mr. Sobolev that Japan would like to see the talks start in the early days of June.

The Soviet Union, which had not signed the Japanese peace treaty concluded at San Francisco in 1951, proposed early this year that relations between the two countries be normalised.

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All the while Mr. Sawada presumed that the Soviet Union was agreeable to holding the talks in New York. But early in April the Soviet Union proposed that the talks be held in Tokyo. Japan rejected this.

CONCEDE CHOICE  
On April 18, the Soviet Union suggested that London or Geneva be the site of the talks. On Saturday, Japan informed the Soviet Union that it preferred London.

Today, the Soviet Union agreed to the Japanese choice. Reporters were summoned to Mr. Sawada's office for an "urgent" press conference.

Mr. Sawada announced at the press conference: "I had a call from Mr. Sobolev at 6 p.m., and he handed me a note in reply to our note of the 23rd. In that note, we said Japan would like London as the site of the negotiations. In reply to that, this afternoon's note said the Soviet government had agreed that conversations should be conducted in London."

Mr. Sawada said that the agenda would probably be decided upon when the negotiations began. He added that he

work on as usual. This would mean that the 17,000 footplate men, belonging to the union, could operate skeleton services and prevent total paralysis.

Trade union leaders and government chiefs discussed the threat today.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, saw the Labour Minister, Sir Walter Monckton, for 30 minutes and tomorrow's Cabinet meeting will discuss latest developments.—Reuter.

## Tories' 5-Plank Election Platform

London, Apr. 26. The Conservative Party today proclaimed the five principles on which it will fight the coming general election under the new Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden.

They are: "sound finance, greater freedom, individual responsibility and independence, opportunity for enterprise and initiative, and fair rewards for effort."

The Party published this declaration in a 638-page political guide for Party workers, preparing their campaign for the May 26 election in 27 chapters and six appendices. It produced facts, figures and quotations on political questions ranging from world affairs to "spliffs" within the Labour Party.

The "Conservatives' official policy statement is now in the final drafting stage and is expected to be published later this week.

On foreign affairs, the campaign guide said British policy sought "to maintain the unity of the Commonwealth and Empire, to lend British aid to the achievement of the unity of Europe and to strengthen the unity of the English-speaking world."

PEACE POLICY  
The guide said the Conservative policy of peace through strength "has been amply justified."

The progress of Western development, it said, the Atlantic alliance have reduced international tension. World wars no longer considered imminent.

"The United Nations, under wise American leadership and with the support of this and other Commonwealth countries, halted aggression in Korea. It may be that the United Nations campaign in Korea prevented the outbreak of a world war."

The guide stressed: "The Conservative government has shown that this country will not repeat the mistake, which provoked two world wars, of leaving continental Europe in doubt where we would stand if peace were violated."

The Conservative government had carried out the objective of giving colonial peoples an increasing share in the management of their own affairs, the guide claimed.

On home issues it said the slogan "invest in success" was not an idle slogan. "If the new sources of power which science has discovered can be harnessed to serve the well-being of mankind, the prospect of doubling the standard of living in the next 25 years could be realised."

The book charges "there is no hope in the Socialist programme" adding that it was written "to work the miracle of reconciling the eternal incompatibilities within the party."

It added: "None can deny that the Labour Party today is split from top to bottom. It has failed the country in the tasks of Opposition as it has failed in the responsibilities of government."

The "supreme object" of Conservative defence policy was to prevent a third world war. "Conservatives have always been convinced that this could only be achieved if Britain spoke from strength."

The guide said the present two-year call up period "must be borne as long as the international situation demands. But it undertook to reduce the national service period as soon as possible.—Reuter.

Capetown, Apr. 25. The 7,176-ton Greek freighter Nedon today sent out a distress call, asking for immediate assistance, it was reported here tonight.

The message, picked up by an unidentified cargo ship in the vicinity, said that the Nedon was fighting gale force winds and rough seas in the South Atlantic some 2,000 miles from Capetown.

The intercepting ship reported that it would stand up by the Nedon, which left here on April 13 after fuelling. It carried a cargo of steel.—United Press.



Mr. Attlee  
Back Home

## Hongkong Imports Flooding Home Market Complaint

Scarborough, Apr. 25. The annual conference of the National Chamber of Trade—an organisation of British businessmen—today referred to the board of management a resolution deploring the non-co-operation of the Board of Trade to "repeated approaches" by the executive of the National Association of Glove Manufacturers and viewing with alarm the continuance of glove imports from Hongkong at a "price level" with which home manufacturers cannot possibly compete.

Mr. P. Wether, declared that in India, a member of the Commonwealth, was entitled to protect her own home markets against Lancashire textile goods; then surely the British government was entitled to apply the same rule, Mr. Charney said.

The time was now opportune, he added, for "some definite promise of action."

Mr. Charney told the conference he realised that Lancashire could not hope to regain or retain her prewar hold on the international market.—Reuter.

PROTECTION URGED  
Earlier the conference urged the British government to give "some definite promise of action" to protect the Lancashire textile industry from Japanese and Indian competition in a resolution which said that it full employment was to be maintained in Lancashire, "some measure on the imports of Indian and Japanese textile goods is essential."

Mr. J. W. Charney, who proposed the resolution, said that Japan produced a cheap unfinished commodity which was sent to Hongkong to be processed and then exported as a British product.

"Japan is finding a market for quite a large selection of her textile production in the home, colonial and world markets under the guise of British goods," he added.

Here was a situation where the Government could do something for the Lancashire industry, he continued.

Villagers' Peace Mission  
Faroe Islands, Apr. 25. Rebellious descendants of the Vikings on the tiny island of Bornoy sent a last-minute peace mission here today expressing willingness to work out a negotiated "peace" based on the law.

The authorities here accepted the offer immediately.

The motorship Paristown, laden with 120 armed police, stood outside Klaksvik harbour with orders to seize and evict Dr. Olaf Halvorsen on charges of wartime collaboration with the Nazis.

The villagers had mined their harbour and defied the authorities to remove the doctor.

In Copenhagen, the Danish Cabinet met twice today with the Premier and Foreign Minister, H. C. Hansen, presiding to discuss the Klaksvik crisis.—United Press.

## MASS MURDER ACCUSATION

Saigon, Apr. 25. A former Saigon shopkeeper at a press conference here today accused the South Vietnamese government security forces of the "mass murder" of about 15 other Vietnamese near Saigon on April 17.

The shopkeeper, Quang Van Chat, said he fled while the others were being stabbed after being driven out of the city in a truck.

He made the charge at a press conference held by the "United Front" of private armies opposing Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and said he was now a refugee at their headquarters.—Reuter.

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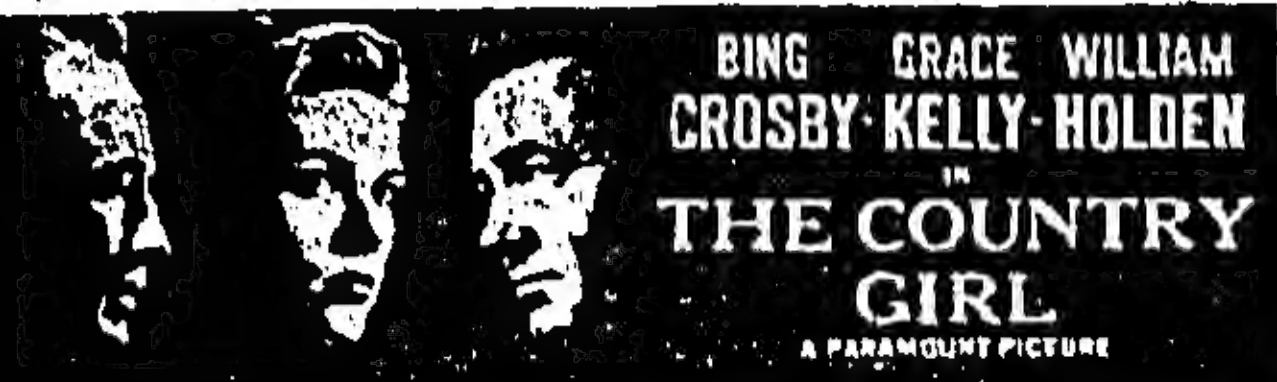


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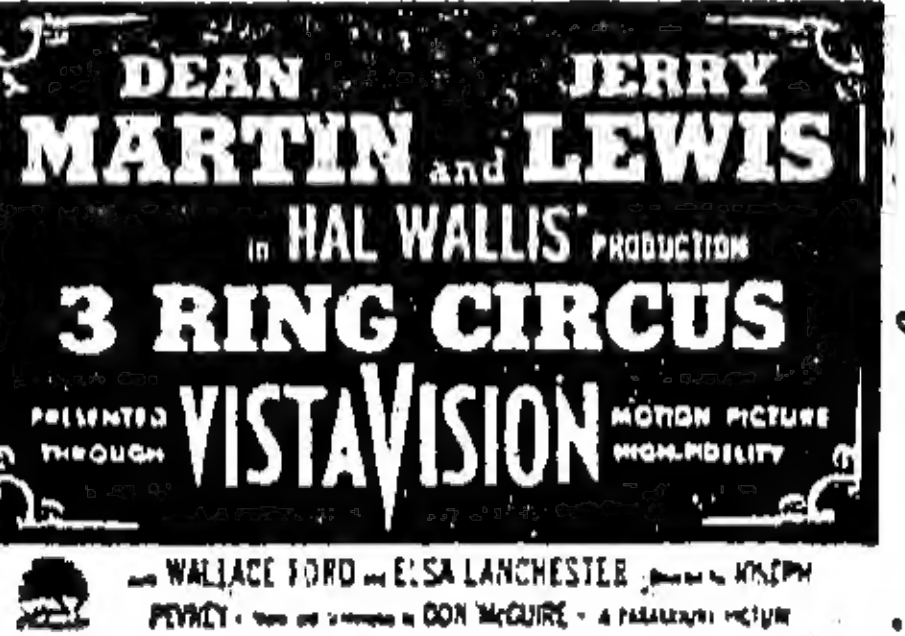
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FUTURE OF MALAYA  
AT STAKEGovernment Move  
To Assist  
Rubber Planters

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 26.

Malaya's Federal Government today proposed a \$33 million Government aid scheme to help dollar-earning rubber planters here fight the threat of synthetic rubber.

The money would be used over the next 11 years to encourage replanting with newly-developed strains of rubber tree which give high yields of latex.

The proposal will have to be submitted to the Federal Legislative Council.

## HARD TIMES

To protect planters in hard times the Government also proposed to cut export duty from five to four per cent whenever the sale price of natural rubber fell to 60 Malayan cents (about 17 pence sterling) a pound or below.

Above 80 cents a pound export duty would be raised though much less steeply than was proposed by last year's fact-finding mission headed by Sir Francis Mudie.

At price levels above \$51 (28.4 pence sterling) a big slice of the higher rate of duty would go into a fund for helping the industry at times of low prices and hardship.

But the Government created a surprise here by proposing total abolition of the "cut" two cents. This is a tax levied on sales and repaid to planters for cutting out their old trees and planting new ones with higher yields.

The Government said its yield would be too small to help. Today's official statement stressed the urgency of tackling rubber's problem "for this industry faces a crisis without precedent in its own chequered history."

About 80 per cent of Malaya's total rubber acreage was covered with old low yielding trees. Yet experiments suggested that if only new high-yielding trees were planted estates could sell natural as cheaply or even more cheaply than synthetic at present prices.

To maintain Malaya's natural rubber as one of the sterling area's biggest dollar earners the Government proposed a \$380 million (£33,333,000) Federal aid programme.

The money would be divided between big estates and small holders in the ratio of three to two which is roughly the ratio of present sales from these two sections of the industry.

Estates would get \$500 an acre for replanting under the scheme up to a maximum of 21 per cent of the planted acreage of the estate.

\$500 PER ACRE  
The announcement said smallholders now get \$500 per acre and it was at present being considered whether an increase in this rate would result in increased planting.

The Federal Government said the Malayan Rubber Producers' Council was prepared to give these proposals its general support.

However, the Council had recorded its opinion that taxation imposed on the rubber industry was excessive and could only be justified because of the high costs of the fight against Communist terrorists. It therefore claimed the right to raise the matter again in future.

The statement said the Government could not accept the Mudie Mission's recommendation that all export duty should be cut at prices of 60 cents and below. This would lose the Government about \$340 million a year.

The Government also thought relief should be more closely linked with replanting than the Mudie Mission proposal.

But it entirely agreed with the Mission's two main findings — that replanting was an immediate necessity, and that a low yielding estate could not pay export duty and put money aside for replanting if rubber was selling for 60 cents or less.

The Government's statement quoted the conclusion of the Mudie report which it said exactly expressed its own attitude. This said: "In spite of the age of her trees and the competition of synthetic rubber Malaya can continue to prosper and her output of rubber can be increased but only if vigorous and united action is taken now. The key to the problem is replanting and it is seven years before replanting shows any result except indeed a reduction of output. Decisions must therefore be taken now and cannot be postponed until competition with synthetic becomes more acute."

"The future of Malaya is at stake and half measures will not do. Nor will divided counsels. Success can only be achieved if Government and the industry co-operate closely and wholeheartedly. There is no reason why they should not do so. The writing is on the wall and they do not differ as to its interpretation."—Reuter.

Prudence Advocated  
At SEATO Talks

Baguio City, Apr. 25.

The United States, France and Great Britain are urging prudence in the military organisation of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation, at the meeting of military experts of the eight member nations which began here today, an informed source said.

The three Western Powers are resisting demands of the Philippines and Thailand for a tight military organisation of member nations, the source said.

Other SEATO members are Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand.

The source said that today's meeting of military experts, which was held in secret, showed three things:

## THREE POINTS

1. Most of the SEATO Powers, and particularly the three Western Powers, are anxious that SEATO retain its defensive character—particularly following the Asian-African conference at Bandung.

2. There is no question of a unified military command for SEATO forces, similar to that of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

3. France is particularly anxious to avoid all provocative actions of the part of SEATO in an effort to reconcile its obligations under the Geneva armistice agreements on Indo-China and the SEATO pact.

Decisions taken by the experts here will be submitted to the military advisory group set up by SEATO nations. This group, which meets at Bangkok later this year, will then make the final decision on the military organisation of SEATO, taking into account the situation in Southeast Asia at the time.

—France-Press.

CHURCHILL  
PREPARING  
BIG SPEECHLondon, Apr. 25.  
Sir Winston Churchill, who winds up his Sicilian holiday tomorrow, is preparing to make a big electoral speech in his Essex constituency of Woodford on Monday, May 16.

He has been Parliamentary Member for Woodford for the past 30 years.

Sir Winston is not expected to take a very active part in the election campaign outside of his own constituency and there is even some doubt whether he will appear in the House of Commons before its dissolution in two weeks time.

—France-Press.

NOT OUR FAULT  
SAY INDIANS

New Delhi, Apr. 25.

The Indian Government today disclaimed responsibility for the breakdown of the proposal for talks with the South African Government on the treatment of Indians in South Africa.

The South African Government, which proposed the talks, said in a telegram last Thursday that two recent speeches by Premier J. van der Westhuizen in South Africa's racial policies were in effect a rejection of the proposal for the talks.

The Indian Government's telegram in reply published today said: "The Indian Government has openly and persistently criticised the treatment to which people of non-European origin in the Union are being subjected. They have also been unrelenting in their efforts to bring the condition of these people to the notice of the world."

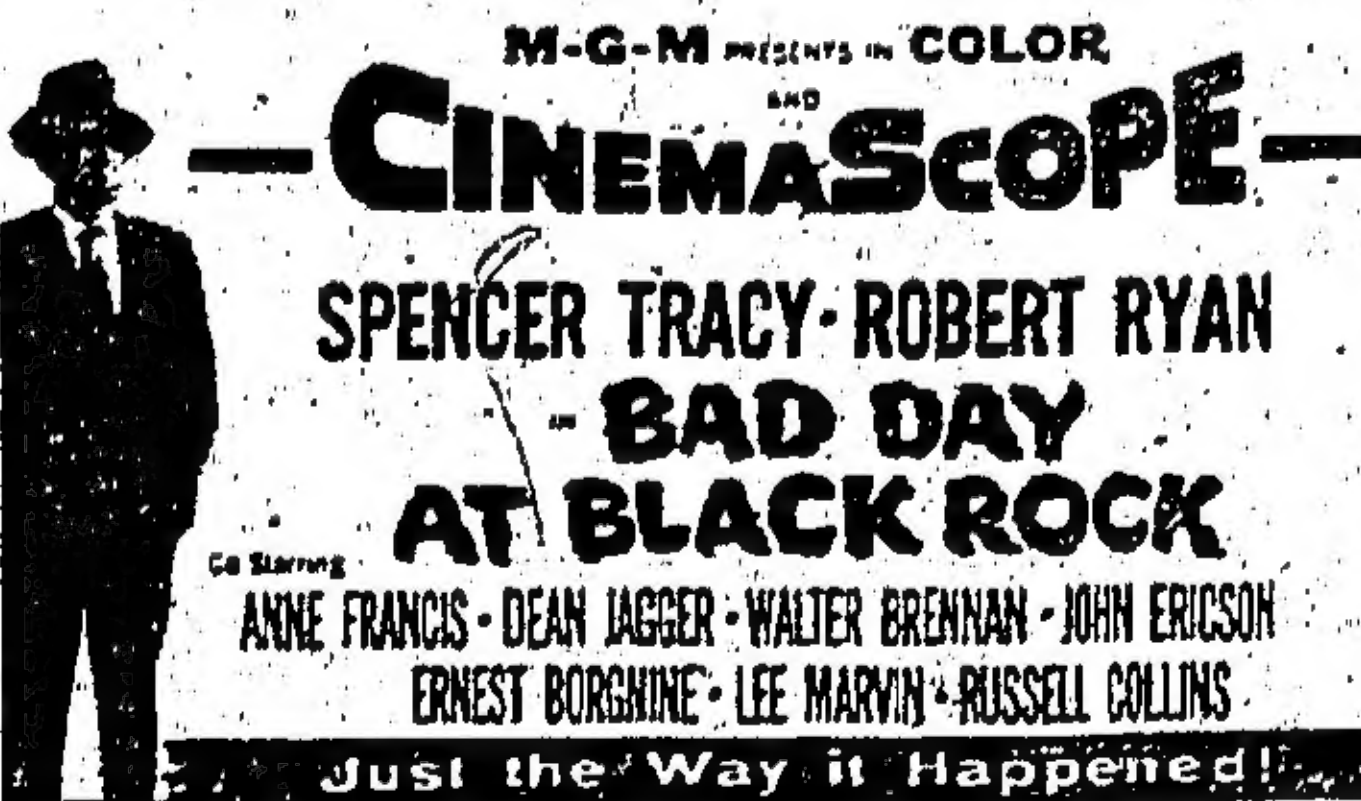
It continued: "The Union Government had not halted their repressive measures pending talks in which the Government of India hoped to participate. It was therefore unreasonable to expect the Government of India to refrain from criticism of these measures during any interim period."—Reuter.

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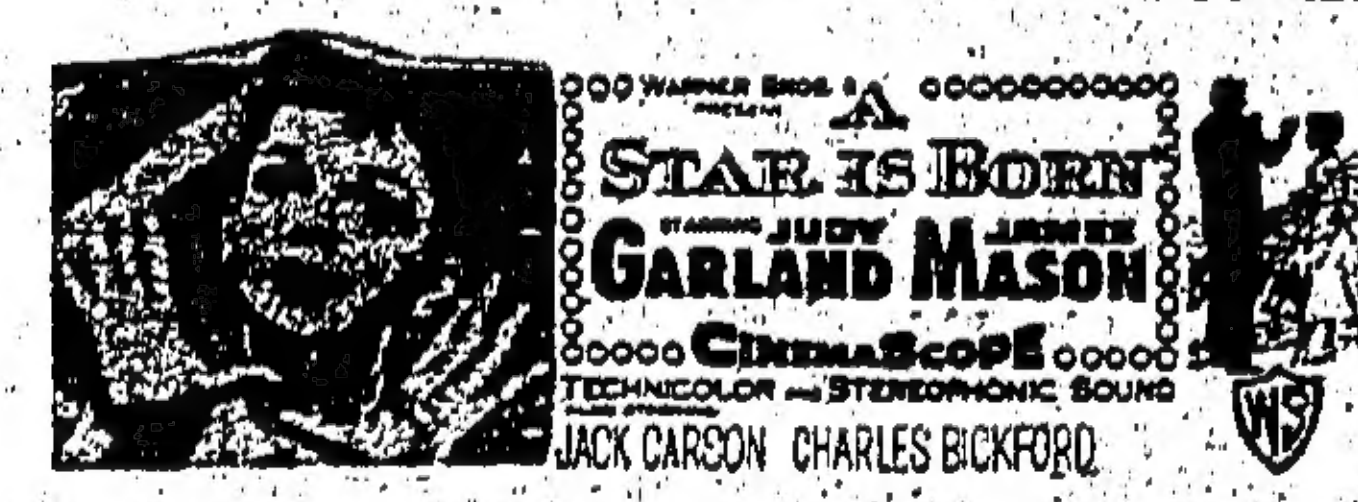
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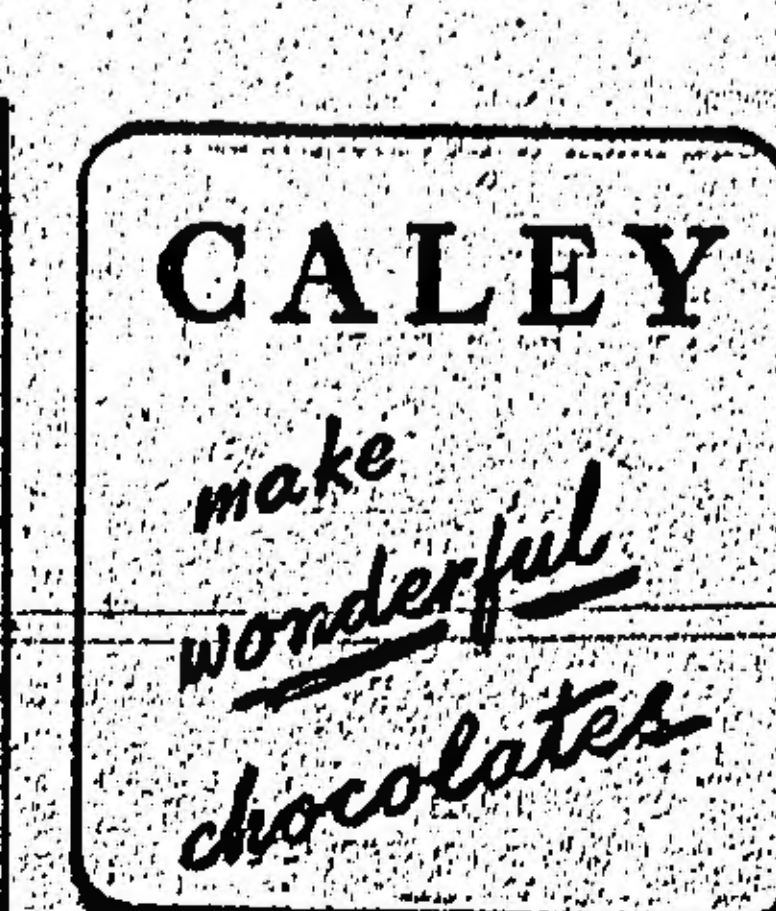
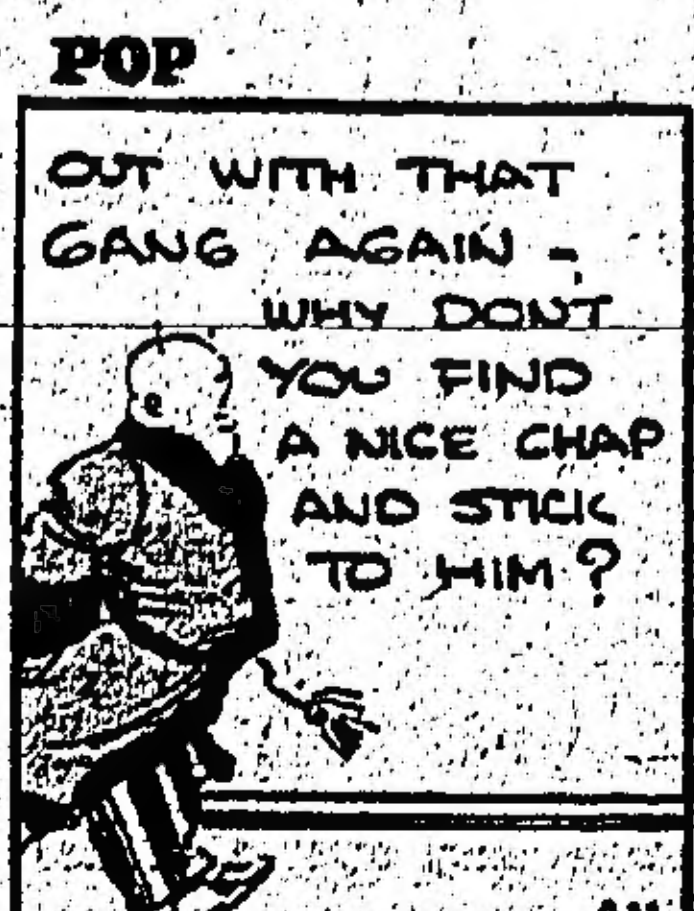
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# Increasing Concern Over H.K. Products In U.K.

## Would Prefer To Work To 66

Meibourne, Apr. 25. If the Australian public and not employers had their way, men of 65 years would be allowed to continue working for another year instead of being out on the old age pension, according to recent Gallup poll.

To get a cross-section opinion, the views of nearly 2,000 persons were sought.

The poll showed 79 in favour of continuance, 16 per cent in favour of retirement and five per cent were undecided.

The same people were asked if they favoured making the pension age 66 years instead of 65.

Figures showed 64 per cent opposed to the extension, 30 per cent in favour and six per cent undecided.—China Mail Special.

## EXPENSIVE TARGET PRACTICE

Washington, Apr. 25. Air Force planes these days are shooting at engine-driven targets that cost \$300,000 each. But the rules apparently have been changed. The object is to miss.

Even so, the Air Force only expects about four flights each from its fancy new targets. The landings, though cushioned by parachutes, are rough; the engines tend to bury themselves in the ground.

Air Force witnesses testified about the fast-flying targets before a House Appropriations Sub-Committee, which made public their testimony today. The witnesses also covered a new "proximity" score, which when mounted on the target, tells how far it has been missed.

"With this device," according to the testimony, "it does not demand hits in the target or destruction of the target in order to assess accuracy."

The Air Force said it hopes the new targets will be cheaper when production increases.—United Press.

## PAPER POINTS OUT COLONY'S BIG DEVELOPMENT

Manchester, Apr. 25.

There was increasing concern in some light industries and in official circles at the rapid rise in British imports of goods manufactured in Hongkong, the Financial Times said today.

Several smaller British industries, including those making gloves, buttons, brushes and umbrellas, have made representations to the Government about this increasing competition in the home market.

Britain's total imports from Hongkong increased by roughly 30 per cent in each of the years 1953 and 1954 compared with 1952 and 1953, and the major part of the new trade was in light industrial products, including clothing and footwear, miscellaneous textiles and cotton yarns and fabrics.

British manufacturers were concerned about rising imports because of Hongkong's low wages, because Hongkong goods enter this country free of duty as Empire products. But some manufacturers also suspected that part of the trade included "disguised" imports from Japan or Communist China.

This was feasible, said the newspaper, but as the phenomenal development of manufacturing in Hongkong was not fully understood in Britain, suspicions may be unfounded.

Fabric gloves from Hongkong sell at 45 to 61 pence a pair, whereas the British counterpart were 12 to 15 shillings.

It was suggested that the gloves were only cut out in Hongkong and made up "elsewhere." Hat manufacturers also complained about imports from Hongkong, with the comment that the quantity involved was so large that it seemed likely the hats were made in Japan and simply re-exported through Hongkong.

### INFRINGEMENTS

The Financial Times continued: "Examples are cited of infringements of British designs and trade marks. Shirts made in Hongkong and sold in Southern Rhodesia were found to be imitations of well-known British brands, although made from inferior material and selling 25 per cent less."

The paper said instructions for washing supplied with shirts were copies of a British firm's label, although the latter applied to "terylene" shirts, whereas the Hongkong product was of cheap cotton.—China Mail Special.

## MAKING JUNIOR BUILDERS

London, Apr. 25. London schoolchildren will soon have the chance of building fortresses and castles with real bricks and mortar.

An experimental playground equipped with about 5,000 bricks, timber, hammers, nails, spades and shovels is being planned by the Lillford Adventure Playground Association, a voluntary organisation.

The association will run the playground on the lines of those in Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Minneapolis.

The London County Council has decided to make a £225 grant towards the Association's playground in Lambeth, a London borough.

It will be the first of its kind in London.—China Mail Special.

Colombo, Apr. 25. The Indian High Commission in Colombo will henceforth issue visas for one year to Ceylonese students proceeding to India.

The High Commission spokesman who revealed this said these visas would be valid for three journeys to India.

Hitherto visas were issued only for three months to be extended if necessary.—France-Press.



Mr. E. A. Cory, who farms a large acreage of arable land at Compton Abade, Gloucestershire, has designed and installed a system of robot control for a Fordson Diesel tractor, which enables it to work on various operations without driver or supervision. Fixed on to the tractor's steering gear is an arm connected by thin cord to a square reel on a control post in the centre of the land being worked. The tractor is started from the centre, and the pull on the cord steers it in a circle which increases in diameter as the cord unwinds. When the limit set is reached, the cord begins to re-wind and the operation is repeated in reverse until the tractor reaches the centre again, when it automatically stops. To prevent any mishap, control bumpers are fitted to the front of the machine, and the fuel to the engine is immediately cut off if these come into contact with a wall, hedge, or any other obstacle. In this way the tractor can be left idle. This robot control has been well tested and found successful.

Picture shows: Mr. Cory watching his robot tractor at work rolling 16 acres of winter wheat on his Colswold Farm.—Express Photo.

## Lions And Leopards Change Diet

Dar-es-Salaam, Apr. 25.

Lions and leopards are eating more natives in Southern Tanganyika than formerly because the Africans have shot out so much of the game, according to the magazine "African Wild Life."

A game ranger in the Dgeza district, where lions ate nine Africans, explained: "There being very little game left in the area, the lions must eat something and they usually proceed to take cattle and goats, with the occasional human being thrown in." The game ranger in Mahenge attributes the "annual man-eating" in his district to the fact that during the rains lions cannot move about in the long grass without their prey noticing the tips of the grass moving. The lions, therefore, "have to resort to feeding on humans who use the same paths day after day."

### ONE A DAY

Man-eaters seem to be eating fewer people in Southern Tanganyika than they did in parts of Mozambique described in the magazine by a Nyasaland farmer, Mr. T. W. Bradshaw. He says that in 1929 he found a village of eight houses near the Hurio river whose entire population had been killed by lions.

The local officer in charge then said that lions were killing at least one African a day in the district and possibly two or three.—France-Press.

## BRIEFING FOR NATO OFFICERS

Paris, Apr. 25.

Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Deputy European Supreme Commander, today briefed 200 senior Atlantic Pact staff officers at the beginning of a five-day "indoor exercise" on European defence.

The exercise is the fifth in an annual series held near Supreme Allied Headquarters just outside Paris.

The Supreme Allied Commander, General Alfred Gruenther, will also attend part of the indoor manoeuvres in which films, lantern slides, maps and elaborate table models will be used.—Reuter.

## Lennox Boyd Refuses To See Delegation

Kampala, Uganda, Apr. 25. Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd, the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, has refused to receive a delegation from the Uganda National Congress, an African organisation, to negotiate for self-government in the Colony.

In a telegram replying to a Congress request to receive such a delegation Mr. Lennox Boyd said he did not think it would serve any useful purpose.

His telegram referred to proposals for constitutional reform for Buganda, one of the Colony's provinces, devised by Sir Keith Hancock and put forward by Britain as a basis of ending the exile of the Kabaka of Buganda who is now in London after differences with the British authorities.

He said as well as these proposals for Buganda which are

now before the Lukiko (parliament) of the country constitutional proposals affecting all Uganda had been offered by Britain. These he added were regarded as a basis for Uganda progress towards self-government as a primary African state. They made the proposed delegation unnecessary.—Reuter.

## Robot Tractor In Action

## Over 10,000 Coloured Children In West Germany

Bonn, Apr. 25.

Dr Albert Schweitzer, Nobel Prize winner, musician, author and doctor, has backed the struggle of a German pastor's wife to improve fate of 10,000-odd coloured children in West Germany.

These children, fathered by United States and French soldiers in the Occupation forces, were born with the stigma of illegitimacy and are growing up to an uncertain future. They are the unwanted children who say: "My father's name is 'uncle'."

Some live with their mothers, but the majority are in orphanages or in "nests"—families who temporarily take up to ten illegitimate children into their homes.

In spite of the official attitude that no one may suffer disadvantage because of his race, a deep rift separates the coloured children in Germany from their white contemporaries.

### FUTURE LIFE

Frau Irene Dilloo, a Ruhr pastor's wife, concluded that it would be best for these "unwanted children" to be brought up in the company of their own kind. Contact with white children should be encouraged, she said, but their education should prepare them for a future life abroad, in the United States, Africa or the Portuguese colonies.

Two years ago Frau Dilloo began a countryside campaign to draw public attention to the fate of these coloured children. The first phase of this campaign ended in March, when she opened a home for children at Wuppertal, in the Ruhr. The home, a former forester's house, has three educators, all women and seventeen children, aged from five to nine years. More are to come shortly.

But that is only a small part of what Frau Dilloo hopes to do. She wants a whole children's village, and Dr Schweitzer has agreed that it shall bear his name.

The town of Freudenberg, in north-west Germany, has offered a large area, free of charge, where the village could be established. It is to have 17 small houses, each capable of accommodating one or two "parent-teachers" and 12 children—a church, a school building, and a two-storey house for administration.

Frau Dilloo said that foreign languages, particularly English, French and where possible also Portuguese, would play an important part in the children's education in order "to open the doors of the world to them," as she says.

Dr Schweitzer, in a letter from Lambarene, Africa, supported her views. "I am happy—more than I can express—to find that you are approaching the problem in the right manner," he wrote. "I am convinced that some day these children will go out into the world where they will find life easier than in their present surroundings."

### PREPARE THEM

"We must take this into consideration in bringing them up. We must prepare them for it by teaching them English and French while they are still young. With a proper education and a good knowledge of languages they will succeed in parts of the world where conditions are different from those in Germany."

Frau Dilloo said that she did not intend to admit only coloured children to the village. Illegitimate white children would be welcome too. The outstanding feature of the village would be that it would give the children a real home. Their teachers would be "like parents to them."

She said that clerical and Government authorities supported her campaign for the village. They would also contribute funds once it was established.

But the money to build it—between 1,500,000 marks and 2,000,000 marks (about £125,000 to £165,000 sterling)—was not yet available.

If time permits, Frau Dilloo wants to take her campaign to the United States with a lecture tour there to collect more money. "The problem of unwanted coloured children concerns all of us," she says.

### POTENTIAL MENACE

Hitherto coloured children in West Germany have been "pushed from one orphanage to another," regarded, as Frau Dilloo said, as a potential social, even criminal, menace.

Frau Dilloo picked out these typical case histories to show under what conditions the children are growing up (real names have been concealed to avoid prejudice to the children's future chances):



DR. SCHWEITZER

Peter, aged 7—"born in a wartime air raid shelter in Bavaria, where he was shown round as a sort of exhibition piece until late at night. Local authorities took the boy to a hospital, his little body covered all over with sores."

"He was operated on, recovered quickly, and was taken to an orphanage, then a German family took him into their home. When he started school, he ran into difficulties with the white children. They quarrelled with him and he with them. They beat him, kicked him and cursed him. His foster mother took him to a seaside resort, but had to leave hastily because other holidaymakers adopted a hostile attitude."

Johnny, aged 6—"His mother was a loose liver and frequently changed her residence to follow American troops. She gave the child to an orphanage and has not been heard of since. Johnny became a vagabond."

"He was sent to a family where he caused frequent trouble and fought with the other children."

### SEVERAL ORPHANAGES

Guenther, aged 3—"He was brought up in several Bavarian orphanages. His mother, who suffered from schizophrenia, never looked after him."

Alfred, aged 8—"His mother is married to a policeman, who had not yet returned from imprisonment in the Soviet Union, when she claimed a coloured soldier raped her. On her husband's return, she sacrificed the boy to save her marriage and sent him to an orphanage."

Gisela, aged 8—"One of her mother's two illegitimate children. The mother was afraid to be seen with her in public and therefore took her to an orphanage."

Gustav, aged 7—"He was brought up by a shepherd. He was born while his mother's husband was in Russia, awaiting release from a prisoner-of-war camp. The shepherd got 15 marks (about £3 sterling) per month for looking after the boy."—China Mail Special.

## DUNLOP WORKERS STRIKE

Coventry, Apr. 25.

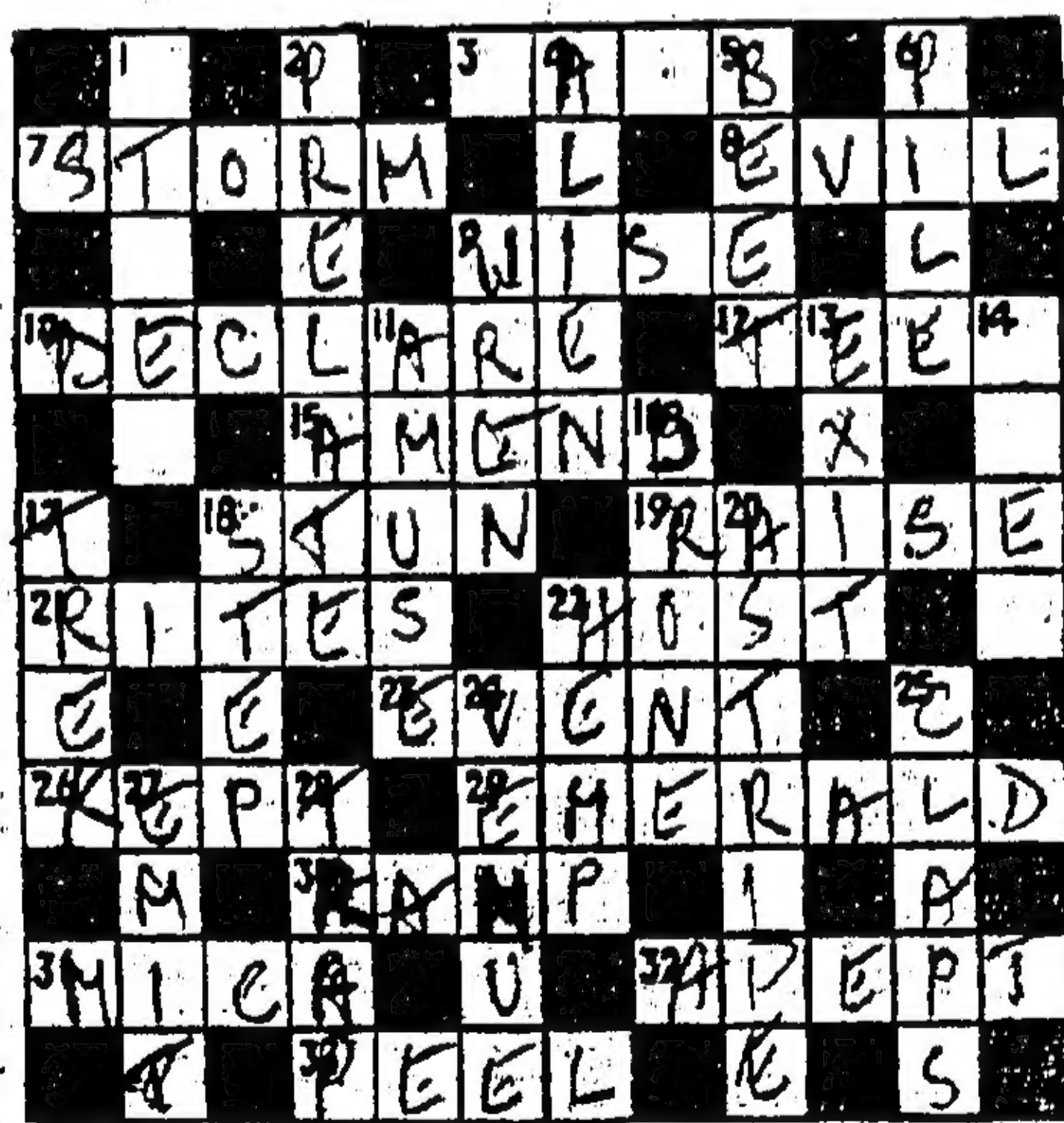
Two thousand workers employed at the Coventry factory of Dunlop Rubber and Wheel Company Limited walked out this morning and held a mass meeting to discuss the firm's refusal to pay holiday bonuses.

They voted by two to one majority to stage a "token strike" each Monday until their demands for negotiations on the bonus were met.

Holiday bonuses have been granted to engineers employed in Dunlop rubber factory at Birmingham, Leicester, Harrogate and in Scotland.

The Coventry workers also agreed to continue overtime ban which started last week.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Lament (4).
- 7 Tempest (5).
- 8 Wickedness (4).
- 9 Sage (4).
- 10 Avar (7).
- 12 Stronghold (4).
- 15 Correct (5).
- 18 Stupefy (4).
- 21 Ceremonies (5).
- 22 Multitude (4).
- 23 Happening (5).
- 26 Retained (4).
- 29 Precious stone (7).
- 30 Grate (4).
- 31 Mineral (4).
- 32 Skilled (5).
- 33 Chime (4).

### DOWN

- 1 Precipitous (5).
- 2 Claret (7).
- 4 Foreign (5).
- 5 Vegetable (4).
- 6 Heap (4).
- 8 Bird (4).
- 11 Divert (5).
- 13 Way out (4).
- 14 Victim (5).
- 16 Tiler (5).
- 17 Migrate (4).
- 18 Pace (4).
- 20 In a straddling position (7).
- 22 Rope fibre (4).
- 24 Match (5).
- 25 Applauds (5).
- 27 Send out (4).
- 28 Snare (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Candid, 7 Odds, 9 Shine, 10 Nomad, 11 Push, 13 Resolution, 15 Stab, 16 Gasp, 19 Contradict, 22 Ebon, 24 Arcana, 25 Levee, 26 Lien, 27 Tether. Down: 2 Alias, 3 Dwell, 4 Bonnie, 5 Composed, 6 Adds, 8 Daunt, 12 Habit, 13 Rogue, 14 Opponent, 17 Score, 18 Strait, 20 Allot, 21 Train, 23 Bell.



# •TODAY the ninth tale is told by Robert Henriques

"HOW I hate growing old!" the Naval Captain said. It was his first human remark during the fortnight that we had been together in the Normandy beach-head.

Though he was an amiable man by nature, his professional views and mine were in direct conflict. Somehow they had to be reconciled, for we had been sent to Normandy, at the head of a commission, to report on the inter-service arrangements for landing on enemy beaches.

I wanted drastic changes; he wanted none at all. We were no nearer agreement than when we had first arrived, and every day our relationship had lost a little more of its formal cordiality, our speech had become more curt, our respective views more adamant.

"You're not particularly old," I said. He was 40, two years older than myself, in the summer of 1944.

"Can't we even agree on the subject of age?" he asked. It was his first smile for several days.

I was nominally the head of the outfit and I said: "Let's send the boys home; let us two stay out here and go on the razzle to-night. Time's no object."

He said gloomily: "I'm so old that I wouldn't know what to do with a razzle if I met one."

It was three o'clock of the following morning when we resumed our duties, as an afterthought, that we had been sent to France for a purpose.

We had found a dispossessed chef who had cooked us a superb dinner, and a cellar from which we had chosen several different wines. We had reached solid agreement on the question of age.

Horror of horrors of growing too grizzled for romance, and of slipping so suddenly from an era of opportunity, for which we lacked experience, into one where our vast experience had no opportunities on which to operate. We were agreed at last!

The rest was easy. By the light of candles, now guttering to their end, we scribbled down the headings of our joint report and fell into each other's arms in a spirit of generous remorse.

My colleague proposed a last toast. "Gentlemen," he said to me solemnly, "I give you the experience of our age and the opportunity of our youth. If only the two might meet!"

## Icy gale

Arranging a rendezvous in Whitehall, we came home separately, the sailor by a private escape route and I by the patrol boat which conveyed senior officers to England each night.

We landed at one o'clock of an arctic July morning and were led through savage sleet and an icy gale to a small room manned by a very sleepy and very junior officer, helpless and inarticulate against our lavish braid and scarlet.

He received, in turn, from Admiral, General and Air Marshal, a broadside, a blitz, or a

stink of invective. But all he could do was to "record" the names of these eminent refugees and to offer them two blankets and a wooden floor for bedstead.

## TODAY

ROBERT HENRIQUES was born with a prize-winning novel, *No Arms, No Armour*, based on his own experiences in the Army. He joined the Royal Artillery in 1926, served in Egypt and the Sudan, retired in 1931. Within a few months of publication of his book in 1939, he was back in the Army. He joined the Commandos on several raids and served as Cambrian Guerrillas Headquarters, winning the American Silver and Bronze Stars and becoming Colonel.

Henriques, 49, married a niece of Viscount Beirne in 1928. He has two daughters and a son, and is a member of the Guild of Authors.

## TOMORROW

The tenth author to keep you guessing will be Bernard Newman

He tells another story with a question at the end.

Did it really happen...



I was easily the most junior officer at the tail-end of this prophetic queue. Being in no hurry at all to get to Whitehall, and being able, in those days, to sleep on a wooden floor as well as anywhere else, I was not much worried by our fate. I gave my name to the harassed officer. His response was astounding: "Colonel Henriques? Thank God!"

He grabbed the telephone and called into it: "He's here!" To me he reported: "Your car, sir, will be round in a couple of minutes." I inquired whence the car was coming and where it was going to. He said: "It's been ordered by the Commander-in-Chief personally, sir, and it's been standing by since seven o'clock."

"Why?" I asked. "It was the Commander-in-Chief's personal instructions."

I had at least the sagacity to nod in a confident manner. The uneasy feeling that an escort might be arriving to take me

into close arrest was dispelled by the calculation that no felon of my status could reasonably expect a Commander-in-Chief's personal attention or a Headquarters Staff car as a Black Maria. I wondered if I was perhaps travelling incognito. I began to wonder who I was. This, on my second night of very little sleep, was evidently a not uncommon kind of dream sprung from a wishful source.

The dream continued with the silent arrival of a vast Cadillac. In the rough night, it was scarcely visible, identified only by the faintest reflections in its paint of some distant light which, somewhere or other, must be escaping the black-out. A small figure was holding the door. I asked: "Mayn't I sit in front?" The answer came low and sweet: "Just as you wish, sir."

## Where to?

The girl got in beside me: "Where to, sir?" I said: "I haven't the least idea. Where would you like?"

She said: "I'd rather like the 400. Club myself, but by the time we get to town it's likely to be shut." She had perhaps a slight and most attractive twist of Scots or Ulster in her speech. She said that she had simply been told to await my arrival and obey my orders.

By now I was so deeply involved in the mystery, or the dream, or whatever it was, that I had ceased to be surprised. I said that we might as well go to London as anywhere else, since I had a flat there which I used as a kind of operational base for my far-flung duties.

## Good driver

She was a most expert driver. The car was warm, and the battering of the gale and sleet enhanced her perfume, which enhanced her voice. It was one of the most attractive that I had heard in all my life. And as we drove at high speed to London, I began to fear the moment of disillusionment when I should at last see her face. I began to hope I never would. This

A very small woman in very large pyjamas...

dream was too pleasant to be unkindly broken.

After some 50 miles of this exquisite experience we had discovered in conversation that we had never met before and had no mutual friends. This was one of those rare occasions when the world was not an astonishing small place composed of coincidental meetings. I asked her what she would do when she had taken me home. She said: "I suppose I shall just drive back again. I know of nowhere to stay in London, unless you have anything to suggest?"

I said that my flat had a courtyard for the car and a spare bed for herself, if she did not consider the suggestion an improper one. She said: "Oh, I don't worry about things like that."

In London the wind had dropped, but it was of course quite black. As I heaved my kit out of the car, I felt very reluctant to face the imminent ordeal of light and, surely, of disillusionment. I wanted this minor adventure to end here, and the dream to dissolve gently in the rattle of a morning leopards. "Come on!" I said. The light in the lobby was dimmed by blue paint, but

sufficient to show me that she was quite lovely, that she more than matched her voice. "You must be exhausted," I said, but she answered that she was strangely not tired, which was exactly how I felt myself.

In my flat at the very top of the building we scrambled some eggs, made tea and drank it with brandy. Then she said she would like a bath. Later, the bathroom door opened slightly and a voice asked if it could perhaps borrow a pair of pyjamas.

## The lesson

There is no more ridiculous and enchanting sight than a very small woman in a very large pair of pyjamas. From her bed she called: "Could we perhaps have one last glass of that brandy?" I brought two glasses and sat on the foot of her bed while we drank the brandy. "Thank you for bringing me home," I said. "After all, it was orders, wasn't it?" she said. I kissed her forehead and went to my own bedroom. Not in the least sleepy, I was in-

stantly asleep. In the morning my "daily woman" had not come by nine o'clock, when I made tea. So I made tea and took a cup to my guest's door. I called and knocked in vain.

The room was empty, and the bed made. There was no trace that it had ever been occupied. No car was parked in the courtyard.

During the next few days, after which I had to leave unexpectedly for the United States, I made the most extensive inquiries, working from my own headquarters outwards to the Commander-in-Chief and back again. Everyone concerned had received a personal message from somebody else, along the top-level lines of communication job must at all costs be hurried home. But I never learnt where these communications had started. All that I had learnt from the incident was—what happened when the experience of age was confronted with the opportunities of youth.

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Now YOU have to decide: Did Robert Henriques imagine his story or did it really happen to him? Make a note whether you think story No. 9 is FACT or FICTION and see this page tomorrow.

Yesterday's story was FICTION.

DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?	
No. 9: The Girl in the Car	
YES	NO

# RED OCTOPUS IN MALAYA

By MAURICE MANNING

"TAKE advice from one who has learned a bitter lesson," said Soo Yoke-koon, an ex-terrorist in Malaya who has surrendered to the Government, "and keep... as far away as possible from the Malayan Communist Party 'Red Octopus'."

So, one of 210 disillusioned terrorists who gave themselves up during 1954, said he "became disgusted with the MCP and its hypocritical leaders" because "the majority of higher-ups with whom I came in contact were most unfriendly and treated the lower ranks with contempt. I had no voice in the Party. The MCP does not practise what it preaches. There is no truth in the MCP ideology."

## Strangling

Several other ex-bandits gave similar reasons for handing themselves over: one of them, Tal Shing, said he had turned against the Party because they forbade him to communicate with his family and forced him to take part in "senseless and inhuman" executions of erring comrades. The victims of these executions, said Tal, were strangled with a rope. This "was usually wound round their necks and then pulled by two people, one on each side—a painful and horrid death."

Few people in Malaya actually need Soo Yoke-koon's warning to keep away from the "Red Octopus." Most of them are only too glad to do so if they can. The Communists have not

succeeded in arousing any enthusiasm among the population for their terroristic campaign, in spite of all their talk about a "Races Liberation War."

The MCP, incidentally, is over 90 per cent Chinese in its composition, although there are at least as many Malays as Chinese in the Federation of Malaya—to say nothing of Indians and other minority races. This alone makes nonsense of the Party's claim to be engaged in a "national" struggle.

Their failure to win such support must be particularly galling, since for the last three and a half years the Communists have claimed to be concentrating on doing just this. But it is hardly surprising in view of their canvassing methods, which consist chiefly of extorting food or money at gun-point and "eliminating" anyone who refuses.

Now evidence of these methods has come to hand in the form of recently captured Communist documents. The most striking is a directive for the "elimination of spies," which makes it clear that even boys of 15 are killed if they withhold food from the bandits. In case anyone should feel squeamish about despatching such juvenile offenders, it is asserted that "intelligence is above that of other boys of the same age."

## Threats

The documents also included three threatening letters, all containing such words as: "If you won't change your attitude, you will have to face the consequences." The harshest of those variants was an assurance that "the people of Malaya" (the propaganda phrase the MCP always use to describe itself) "will forget you eat, no matter how long or where you are hiding, and punish you for your sins."

This letter also told its recipient: "Your activities, the movements of your car, your family circumstances, your social connections, your aid to the enemy... are all known to us" and "creaky news indeed when one is living in a countryside noted for its loneliness."

But these captured documents not only illustrate the unpleasant methods used by the Communists; they also reveal that things are not going at all well for the terrorists. Food and money are getting very short. A statement by two experienced Party members says that it is becoming more and more difficult to collect funds.

"Our objectives are not willing to pay their subscriptions," the "objectives" are in fact, becoming extremely wily. "When unit 'A' of our organisation approached you for funds you said you had paid to unit 'B' and when unit 'B' asked you said you had paid to unit 'A'."

## Hunger

The "food" position is even worse. The documents provide some light on the several accounts of bandit-raiding by hungry comrades. "Comrade Ping set slipped into the kitchen, with the intention of getting sauce to add more flavour to the broth. But he got eyes fluid (a disinfectant) instead." "Comrade Ah Shien took almost all the rice bowl of lemon water. As a result he suffered from stomach-ache for a whole night, and so on. An ex-bandit who surrendered in December 1954 said the quest for food had become so vital that for the last year or so it had absorbed all his time and energy."

It shows clearly that while the "Red Octopus" may still have many tentacles, its grip is getting weaker.

## Red Dragon

The superstition that, when you are giving a party, makes you implore your invited guest to bestow his light upon your humble cottage (even if you live in a 20-room house), and you how to him and assure him that you await his illustrious presence because it is not impolite to do so but tempting Providence if you even seem to be smug.

A respectable hardworking mother has just been arrested in Taipei for trying to torture her three-year-old son to death without deliberately murdering him because she believed he was an evil influence in the home. And the police who took her away needed a lot of persuading to do so, because they thought she was right.

These are the things that are real to Formosa at was—not a Red dragon across the Formosa Strait.

# In Formosa, BERTRAM JONES finds that OLD SOLDIERS NEVER SING ....ABOUT WAR

DO you remember the Phoney War? — The time when beleaguered Britain waited for Hitler to make a move and could not make out why he didn't; when our puzzled little army grew more and more browned off with square-bashing and Naafi tea?

I couldn't help thinking about it here in Taipei. A parkful of Chiang Kai-shek's little slant-eyed soldiers, with nothing better to do, sat on hard benches beneath the trees, ate oranges, and listened without enthusiasm to loud-speaker music blasting at them in the dark from an empty bandstand.

The singer was a girl—Nationalist China's Vera Lynn, the sweetheart of the back-to-the-mainland forces who do not see a cat's chance of going back anywhere (except to their billets) and do not particularly want to.

## Ensa Stuff

It was just the sort of Ensa stuff we listened to on Sunday nights back in the winter of 1939-40—the moon and you; my hero; my heart... apart. And so on.

But this was just a softening-up process; and before long we saw what for.

A wailing song ended and ushers shuffled along the rows of benches, handing out music sheets. This was to be it—the big hit of the evening.

The tune was simple, set out in numbers—Number One equalling "Doh" and Number Two "Ray"—for easy memorising. The words were even simpler: "Forward to battle, they cried, 'Kill all Communists.' Chiang's psychological warfare experts would starve in Tin Pan Alley."

A microphone was set up on the bare platform, and put from the wings came a man in a dark lounge suit. He was a song-leader.

He read the words out aloud for the boys, then set them to the music in a "now, all together" manner.

Nothing happened. Just a polite silence. And after a few minutes the loudspeakers fizzled out the benches emptied, and the troops drifted away into the night.

Chiang's inactive army will certainly try to fight back to the mainland if they are ordered to. But they show few signs of impudence to be off.

And that is understandable. "Back to the mainland" means nothing to the younger men, for they have never been there. They are Taiwanese—that is, Formosa-born—who have been conscripted into the Nationalist forces; and they would much prefer to stay on their own island and leave the mainland to the mainlanders.

## Settled Down

The others, those who came here with Chiang Kai-shek when the Communists drove him out of China proper, have settled down very comfortably and would not mind greatly if their leader forgot all about liberating the mainland.

Even on £1 month, which is about the pay of a Nationalist private, they are better off than they have ever been. Millions of dollars which the United States is pouring defensively into Formosa give them stronger boots, tidier clothing (two pairs of underwear for every man), bigger rations of rice, meat, fish and vegetables, and more comfortable living quarters than they ever dreamed of.

And they are not getting any younger. Chiang's statisticians will tell you that their soldiers' average age is 28. It is probably more.

A company of them were at drill (the Chinese are great ones for drill) and I stopped to watch with an American who has been coming to Formosa every year since 1950.

## Little Guys

"When I was here then," he said, eyeing the puffing troops, "there was a little guy doing dress-lifts, coming straight up off the ground like he was steel."

"Next time, there was the same guy, only a bit slower. 'And so help me, he's still there, doing lifts. This time he can hardly make it.' There are so many Little Guys who can hardly make it that Formosa faces ultimately a

military population of Chelsea Pensioners, to whom mainland babies of 1949 will be what the Relief of Mating is to our Boer War veterans at home.

But Formosans do not worry. The only people you find taking things seriously are the top-notchers—the Government, their officials, the Service chiefs.

The other night when an air raid alert was sounded by mistake over the middle part of the island, there was consternation, but no real alarm. And the all-clear came a minute later when the local ARP chaps realised they had been fooled by a Nationalist Air Force exercise.

Every morning everything was back to normal, which in Formosa means swindling with a smile. Everybody does it so delightfully that you cannot really feel vexed.

If you want to go to the pictures the only way to get in without queuing for hours is to buy a black market ticket from the swarms of cheerful crooks who waylay you outside every cinema.

"Crooks" is perhaps too unkind a word. They are professional queuers. They line up at the box office, grab as many tickets as they can afford (best seats about \$5), add 120 per cent for their trouble—and in you go, no waiting.

## They Jive

If you can ignore the pop of bursting bubble-gum and resounding throat-clearing and delighted laughter in quite the wrong moments of "Romeo and Juliet," you will find a Taipei audience no different from one on Thames-side or Tyne-side.

They simply loved "Brief Encounter" and "Henry V." And in Chiang's capital, the authorities are earnestly considering an idea of abolishing the wrong moments of picture-going—protesting—a booking plan and advance reservations.

The only way to buy anything at approximately the regular price here if you are a foreigner (and foreigner automatically means American, loaded with money) is to send a Chinese friend to do your shopping. Then you will only be stung for his take-off.

What you really should see, though, is the jitterbugging. Considering that nylons are a forbidden import (a luxury out of keeping with wartime austerity), Formosa's Chinese girls manage to show a remarkably well-stocked leg in

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## EVEN ZATOPEK WOULD HAVE WAITED



The Officials' Race would have been the star turn of Sunday's Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club Pentathlon Championship at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, were it not for the acute nervous tension surrounding the start.

The starter had hardly ventured to say "On..." when J. E. P. Blenkinsop, the eventual winner, was off. Brother Conrad, second from right, waited at least for "...your..." and Father Lawler, extreme right, bolted off like a hare at "...marks."

Phil Ward, extreme left, was sufficiently steeped in AAA traditions to wait for "Get...". Mrs. Van Vliet, her patience exhausted despite memories of nerve-wrecking moments waiting for the gun at the Netherlands Athletic Championships, waited at least till "set".

"Recorder," with Old Blenk hogging the limelight to the point even of obscuring his cigarette, gave the starter one withering glance and also set off before the "Go!"

One must congratulate Mrs. Van Vliet above all for the yardage she made up in the circumstances. As for Old Blenk, he at least practices what he teaches his sprinters. As Mike Curzon aptly put it later, "Even Zatopek would have waited."—China Mail Photo.

## FAST BOWLERS' WAR MAY DECIDE THE COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

Says DENNIS HART

England next week officially welcomes the summer—and the opening of a new cricket season.

The question every fan is asking is, "Can Surrey do it again?"

With a hat-trick of County Championship victories Surrey begin to dominate the game as Yorkshire did before the war. Now they chase their fourth successive title. Led by the powerful, inspiring Stuart Surridge they will chase hard.

Will they succeed? The answer may lie in another struggle for power, a private one this time, between seven men.

The key seven are: Alec Bedser, Peter Loader, Frank Tyson, Freddie Trueman, Brian Statham, Leslie Jackson and Cliff Gladwin. All are fast bowlers—Bedser is more medium pace, but does open with the new ball. All aim to prove they are England's best. All have a special reason for doing so.

The man most in the public eye, of course, is Northamptonshire's Frank Tyson. His thunderbolts demolished Australia's batting and paved the way for

England's resounding Ashes victory.

Tyson went to Australia an unknown quantity. It was known that he could bowl fast. But speed alone is not everything. Without accuracy it is almost nothing. In Australia, Tyson matured. Almost overnight, he changed from an energetic, but raw, trundler to a master of controlled venom.

But he still relies on speed. Will this command the success in England's heavier atmosphere? Or can Tyson, a keen cricket student, produce another style and again confound the critics?

The answer could make all the difference to whether Northants' name is inscribed on the Championship trophy.

Up at Old Trafford, Lancashire's jet-propelled deliveries department is in the capable hands of Brian Statham. Statham was Tyson's partner in the England team and deserves an equal share of credit for their success.

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Their special reason for wanting to do well this season? They just like bowling.

There, then, are the ingredients for a first-rate summer struggle—speed and determination.

Who will win? With fast bowling so much a matter of team work, the favourite combinations appear to be Bedser and Loader and Gladwin and Jackson. But—Yorkshire, with their seemingly unending flow of talent, have unearthed another good prospect, Philip Hodgson, 19-year-old who puts his full 6 ft. 8 ins. into every ball. He can prove the perfect foil to Trueman.

This, with Australian tour spinners Bob Appleyard and Johnny Wardle to follow, will I think, just give Yorkshire the edge over Surrey's all-England attack of Bedser, Loader, Lock, and Laker. But it should be a close thing.—London Express Service.

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## TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM

### The Art Of Snookering

I have already stressed the importance of knowing and understanding angles for over-coming snookers. The need to be able to make use of the cushions to best advantage is obvious when it comes to laying snookers.

The object of laying a snooker is to obtain penalty points from your opponent. It is pointless to set a snooker which can be easily overcome, unless you feel that, by his play, your opponent will leave you better placed for your next turn at the table.

### Golf Club Team Beats Services

A team representing the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was successful in a golf match played against a Services side over 36 holes at Fanling on Sunday, the final score being 32½ points to 19½ in favour of the Club.

Lunch time arrived with the Club leading by 15½ points to 10½; their players having won 14 games, lost nine and halved one.

17 more points were collected by Club players in the afternoon fourball to their opponents' eight games being won and four lost.

The lowest "better-ball" during the afternoon games was returned by Messrs D. L. Anderson and A. F. Sutcliffe who played very well together to score 67 which gave the Army pair of Major Edgar and Captain Jenkins little chance of success.

Individual scores were as follows (Club players named first):

**Singles—Old Course**  
J.D. Mackie 65, D.L. Anderson 67, A.F. Sutcliffe 68, J.R. Collis 69, C. P. H. Brown 70, W.A.H. Balfour 71, Capt. S.A. Edgar 72, G.W. Stewart 73, W.D. Gibson 74, H.W. Heath 75, L.J. Walker 76, R.D. Bell 77, J.P. Miller 78, C. J. J. Cowperthwaite 79, J. Lyons 80, A.G.S. McCallum 81, J. Broadwell 82, W.C. Falconer 83, A. H. Burt 84.

**Singles—New Course**  
F.D. Mackie 64, A.F. Sutcliffe 65, C. P. H. Brown 66, J.R. Collis 67, W.A.H. Balfour 68, Capt. S.A. Edgar 69, G.W. Stewart 70, W.D. Gibson 71, H.W. Heath 72, L.J. Walker 73, R.D. Bell 74, J.P. Miller 75, C. J. J. Cowperthwaite 76, J. Lyons 77, A.G.S. McCallum 78, J. Broadwell 79, W.C. Falconer 80, A. H. Burt 81.

**Fourballs**  
Mackie/Gibson 6, Hughes/Thornton 7, Anderson/Sutcliffe 21, Edgar/Balfour 22, Collis/Mackie 23, Brown/Broadwell 24, Balfour/Gibson 25, Edgar/Gibson 26, Mackie/Broadwell 27, Balfour/Stewart 28, Gibson/Heath 29, Walker/Bell 30, Miller/Miller 31, Cowperthwaite 32, Lyons 33, McCallum 34, Broadwell 35, Falconer 36, Burt 37.

**STABLEFOOT**  
W.C. Falconer (84-12-73) won a Stablefoot competition played over the Old Course at Fanling during the weekend with a score of 36 points. A.G.S. McCallum (81-17-72) was runner-up with 35 points. Lt. A.H. Beckford and P. J. Daly sharing third place with 33 points.

K. U. Drung (82-12-70) was the winner of the New Course Stablefoot with a return of 34 points. C. Drung (84-14-70) and Y. T. Tsong (87-17-70) were joint runners-up with 35 points. Capt. J. Thornton and L. Goldman being third with 34 points.

### Japanese Team In England For Two Matches

Toshiaki Tanaka of Japan, the world Singles Table Tennis Champion, arrived at London Airport tonight from Amsterdam with seven other members of the Japanese team.

Tomorrow evening Japan play England in an international match at Leeds, Yorkshire. The following day they will meet a South of England team in London.—Reuter.

If you understand the angles at which a ball will come away from a cushion you will be able to deal with the majority of snookers. Many positions of course may only demand the dribbling of the cue-ball behind the snookering ball, and in such cases your judgment of speed will be the important factor.

I am not an advocate of the safety type of game; by this I mean the game which is deliberately prolonged by players sending the cue-ball up and down the table and laying weak snookers with no definite purpose, except to wear out the patience of the opponent.

An intelligent well-laid snooker will be satisfying to you, it will gain the respect of your opponent and win appreciation from your audience.

**DIFFICULT POT**

You may be faced with a difficult pot and know that if you fail with the stroke you will leave your opponent in a good position for a break. The object of the game may not call for a snooker, but if you see the possibility of laying a difficult snooker instead of attempting the pot, it is all part of the game, and not a useless prolonging of it.

What about the times when the game demands a snooker? Train your mind to sum up the situation quickly. Avoid the defeatist attitude, even if you feel your chances of winning are slight. Take into consideration your opponent's attitude if it is an important match game; he may be feeding nervous, and your steady and continued attack will increase that feeling and may cause him to fall down on an easy shot. Once started in that direction the game can quickly fall in your favour providing you know how to lay a snooker.

Obviously, at the closing stages of a game you need to keep the three balls—blue, pink and black—on the table to make your chances of snookering better, and your aim should be to keep the cue-ball and the object ball as far apart as possible.

Take a look at the photograph. With only the blue, pink and black on the table I need a snooker. To get it I address the cue-ball below centre with a shortened grip on the butt of the cue to drive the blue fast enough for it to finish at the baulk end of the table, and at the same time screw the white-ball away so that it finishes behind the pink and black.

### TACA LUSITANIA MATCH ON SATURDAY

For the forthcoming annual match for the "Taca Lusitania" between the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Club de Recreio at the Recreio on Saturday, April 30, commencing at 4 p.m., the Portuguese Club will be represented by the following:

A. A. Lopes (skip), C. C. Pereira, M. L. Roza, J. L. S. Alves, L. F. Xavier (skip), E. M. Alarcum, D. C. Alves, A. S. Braga, J. E. Noronha (skip), G. A. Noronha, A. A. Guterres, G. A. Guterres, C. E. Passos (skip), A. P. Pereira, C. P. Basto, Sam Ribeiro, F. X. M. Silva (skip), A. M. Souza, C. M. Silva, J. A. Victor, C. Roza Pereira (skip), A. F. Gomes, H. R. Pinna, M. Roza Pereira, J. F. V. Ribeiro (skip), B. P. Marques, J. P. Xavier, L. M. Rodrigues, A. A. Remedios (skip), H. J. Noronha, S. E. Souza, R. G. Laurel.

### Sports Diary TODAY

Div. 1: Club v. Police (Club), 8 p.m.  
Div. 2: CAA v. Club (Naval), 8 p.m.  
Div. 3: Joseph's v. RAF (Skn), Both matches at 8 p.m.  
Div. 4: Championship play-off, first match, at Carolina Hill, 8 p.m.

**TOMORROW**  
Div. 1: CAA v. KMS (Skn), 6 p.m.  
Div. 2: Championship finals at Southern Playground commencing at 8.30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Div. 1: RAF v. Kwong Wah (CH), 8 p.m.  
Div. 2: Championship play-off, second match, at the Club ground, 8 p.m.

### Tamerlane Is Favourite For 2000 Guineas Turf Classic

London, Apr. 25.  
Lord Porchester's colt Tamerlane displaced the French colt Beau Prince as favourite for Wednesday's Two Thousand Guineas Turf Classic at the Victoria Club callover here tonight.

Tamerlane, who is to be ridden by Australian jockey Arthur Breskley, was backed from 8 to 1. Beau Prince is second favourite at 7 to 1 and America, another French trained colt who was opposed out to 10 to 1 from his previous odds of eight to one, is joint third best with Our Babu, top ranking English juvenile of last year.

Irish challenger Ballymartin drifted to 100 to 9. He was previously at 8 to 1. Kilaron, another French challenger, came down to 25 to 1 after being offered at 40 to 1 at the last callover. Business on the Guineas was substantial though no outstanding bets were struck.

Derby betting was light but layers reduced the odds against the favourite Acropolis and his nearest rivals, the French colts Beau Prince and Hafiz II.

Closing quotations were:

**2,000 GUINEAS**  
(One mile Newmarket, April 27)  
8 to 1 Tamerlane; 7 to 1 Beau Prince; 10 to 1 America and Our Babu; 100 to 9 Ballymartin; 100 to 7 Solon Royal; 100 to 6 Flying Story; Alexander, Gladstair IV and Royal Palm; 20 to 1 Golden Planet; 25 to 1 Nonchalant; 25 to 1 Kilaron; 33 to 1 Nurdus; 40 to 1 Lyvadas and Windsor Sun; 50 to 1 Time to Reason, Noble Chieftain, Marwar, My Smokey and Tudor Jinks; 200 to 1 Factory and Jinky.

**THE DERBY**  
(1½ miles Epsom, May 23)  
7 to 1 Acropolis; 10 to 1 Beau Prince; 100 to 8 Hafiz II; 100 to 7 Tamerlane; 100 to 6 Alexander; Solarium and True Cavalier; 20 to 1 Clean Bill, America, Daemion Slate, Trumpeter and Our Babu; 25 to 1 Hugh Pupus and Shikar; 33 to 1 Oyster Bay and Kookaburra; 40 to 1 Marwar, My Foot and Noble Chieftain.—China Mail Special.

### Rotherham United Are Now Favourites For Second Division Honours

London, Apr. 25.  
Rotherham United became favourites to win the English Second Division soccer championship when they beat an injury hit Swansea Town 2-0 tonight.

Lying fourth after Saturday's programme, Rotherham are now sharing first place with Stoke City, 1-0 winners at Port Vale tonight. Each have 52 points.

Stoke have a superior goal average, but they have only one more game to play, whereas Rotherham have two.

Should their club win promotion, Rotherham, a Yorkshire town with a population of 89,000, would become the smallest town to boast a First Division team in the history of English football.

However, the position is still very open at the top of the Second Division, as Birmingham kept right in the promotion hunt by winning 3-0 at Hull. They have 51 points with two games to play. Leeds United, without a match tonight, also have 51 points but only one game outstanding.

### REVISED BADMINTON FIXTURES TODAY

At Club de Recreio  
8 p.m. Junior Ladies' Doubles.—Miss C. Ho & Mrs. M. Soares v. Chui Yuen-chun & Miss C. Young.

8.30 p.m. Senior Ladies' Doubles.—Misses D. Yung & Y. Y. Chan v. Misses U. Khoo & D. Gray.

9 p.m. Junior Men's Singles.—George Ma v. Wong Wai-hung.

9.30 p.m. Senior Ladies' Singles.—Miss Mary Wong v. Miss Mimi Tang.

10 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles.—W. F. Foo & Miss U. Khoo v. R. Young & Miss C. Ho.

**TOMORROW**  
At IRC  
8.00 p.m. Senior Men's Singles.—Ramon Young v. Junior Pomeroy.

8.30 p.m. Junior Men's Singles.—S. K. Wong v. K. C. Yung.

9.00 p.m. Junior Ladies' Singles.—(Final) Miss Diana Yung v. Miss Mary Wong.

9.30 p.m. Junior Men's Doubles.—B. Brown & H. J. Xavier v. R. Nunes & R. Remedios.

10.00 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles.—Dr. K. S. Low & Mrs. M. Soares v. Winner of Foo/Khoo & Young/Ho.

**THURSDAY**  
At St. Teresa's Hall  
8.00 p.m. Senior Men's Singles.—Dr. K. S. Low v. Bill Funk.

8.30 p.m. Senior Ladies' Doubles.—Misses Helen Kwong & S. Correia v. Misses D. Lam & M. Wong.

9.00 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles.—Louis Sousa & Mrs. M. Soares v. G. Ma & Miss D. Yung.

9.30 p.m. S.K. Wong & Miss Y. Y. Chan v. Sui Chau & Miss C. Ho.

10.00 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles.—Junior Pomeroy & Miss B. Remedios v. B. Funk & Miss H. Kwong.

**FRIDAY**  
At Tatcoo Club  
8.00 p.m. Senior Men's Doubles.—R. Tay & F. Wong v. M. Ehrlich & P. Y. Yap.

8.30 p.m. Senior Ladies' Singles.—Miss Helen Kwong v. Miss Stella Correia.

9.00 p.m. Senior Men's Doubles.—Dr. K. S. Low & Junior Pomeroy v. W. F. Foo & K. C. Wong.

9.30 p.m. Junior Ladies' Doubles (Final).—Misses D. Yung & Y. Y. Chan v. Winner of Soares/Ho & Chui/Young.

10.00 p.m. Junior Men's Doubles.—G. Ma & Wong Wai-hung v. S. K. Wong & Sui Chau.

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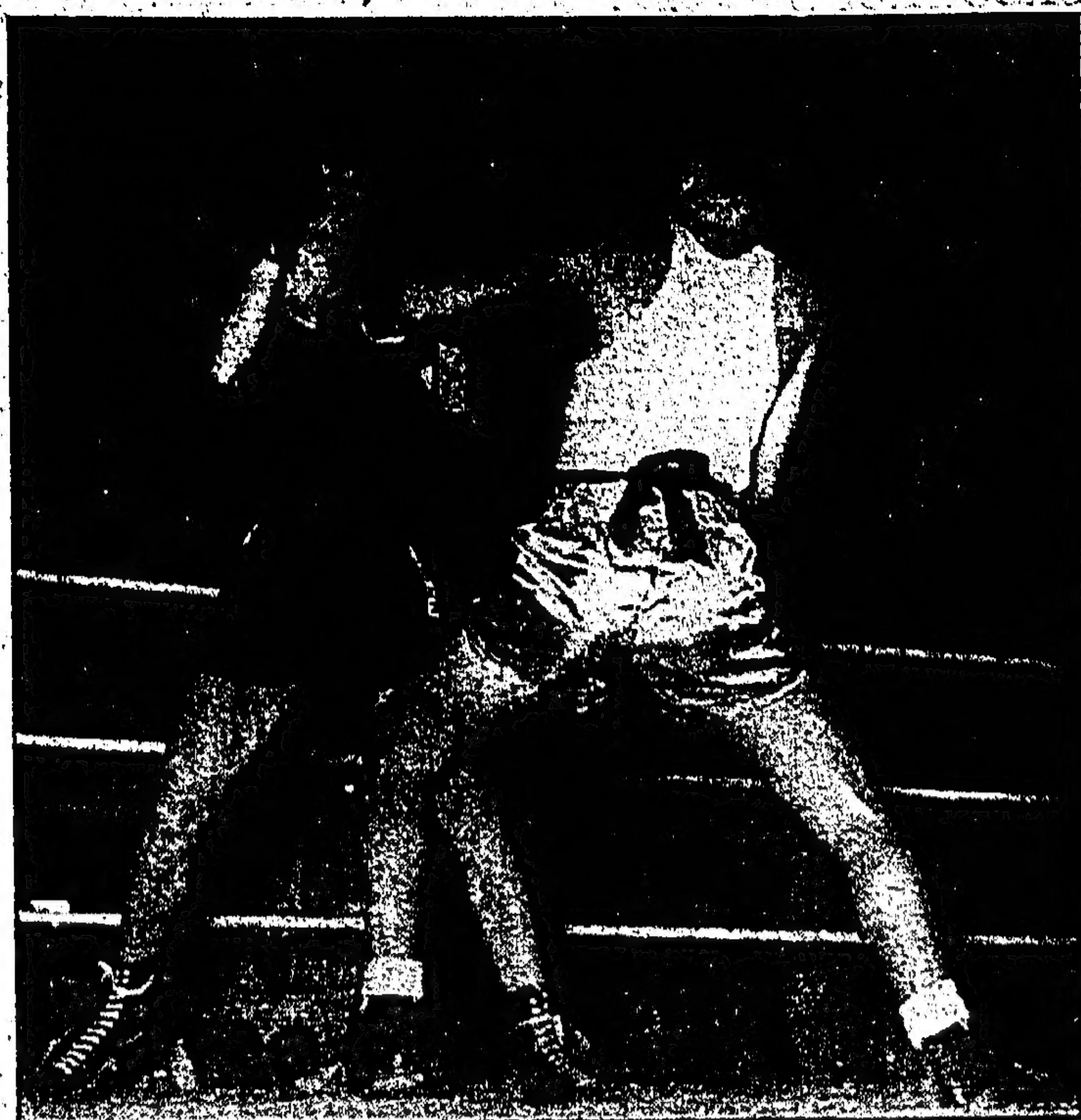
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## BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS



The preliminary rounds of the Colony Boxing Championships were fought off yesterday evening at the Missions to Seamen where the camera caught these two action-packed moments.

The semi-finals will be contested tonight, starting at 6 p.m.

Results yesterday in the preliminary rounds were:

## COMPLETE RESULTS

**Bantamweight**  
Hay (Army) outpointed Corbyn (RAF)  
Hudson (Army) outpointed Dale (Army)

**Eddie Ko (ABC)** beat Passos (HKR) disqualified in third round.  
Hudson (Army) beat Tai Kuan (ABC)

**Second Series**  
Fong Ki-kong (ABC) received a walkover from Hay (Army).  
Kong Yau-chum (ABC) outpointed Walker (Army).  
Howard (Army) outpointed Hudson (Army).

**Featherweight**  
Nevin (RAF) outpointed Abdullah (RAF).  
Chan Sun-chun (ABC) outpointed O'Donnell (RAF).  
Kong Yau-chum (ABC) outpointed McIver (Army).

**Light-Weightweight**  
Johnny Good (Army) outpointed Hickson (Army).  
Daniels (Army) outpointed Kerley (Army) in first round.  
Leggerton (Army) outpointed Walker (Army).  
Blake (RAF) outpointed Huggert (Army).

**Second Series**  
Carey (Army) outpointed Good (Army).  
Finney (RN) outpointed Bowen (Army).  
Gomes (Army) outpointed Ruddy (Army).

**Welterweight**  
Court (RAF) outpointed Charlton (Army) in second round.  
Pearson (RAF) outpointed Colclough (RN).

**Light Middleweight**  
Harris (Army) outpointed Woolf (RAF).  
Middleweight  
Thompson (Army) beat Ross (RAF) disqualified.  
Tribbe (RN) outpointed Wilson (Army).  
Pearson (RN) outpointed McKeown (RAF) in first round.

**Light Heavyweight**  
Oliver (Army) outpointed Davis (Army).  
O'Donnell (Army) outpointed Kirby (Army).

ART LARSEN  
SUSPENDED

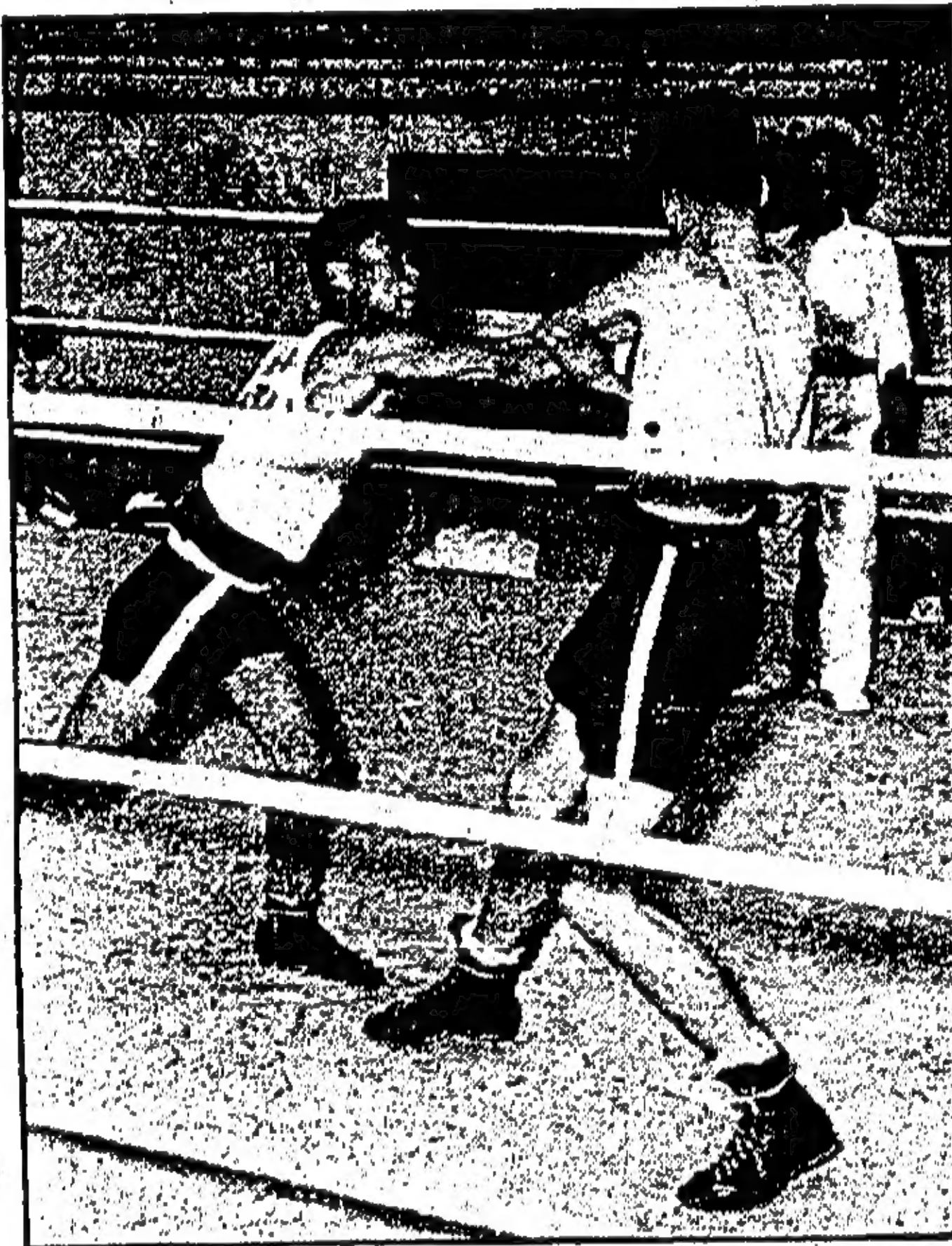
New York, Apr. 25.  
Art Larsen of San Leandro, California, was suspended from further European play by the US Lawn Tennis Association today pending investigation of a report that he hit a ball boy in a match at Genoa last week-end.

According to reports from Europe, temperamental Larsen slammed a ball at an Italian youngster last Saturday. The ball struck the boy's face and he left the court crying. The court loudly booed Larsen.

Larsen currently is touring Europe with permission from the USLTA to accept expense money. The International Play Committee has power to suspend him.

Mr. McManis, chairman of the International Play Committee, sent the following cable to Larsen: "Permission further play withdrawn pending complete report received regarding Genoa ball boy incident."

He also sent the following telegram to the Italian Lawn Tennis Association in Milan: "Have withdrawn Larsen's permission for foreign play until complete report received regarding Genoa ball boy incident. Would appreciate immediate reply from Club officials concerning Larsen's action."—United Press.

Never Before Such An  
Exodus Of Footballers  
From The British Isles

By ARCHIE QUICK

There has never before been such an exodus of footballers from Great Britain as there will be next month. The Football Association's main task will be to meet the opposition of Spain, Portugal and France in Madrid, Oporto and Paris, but a strong party is also being sent to the West Indies and an amateur representative side is going to Scandinavia. Innumerable club tours have been arranged over the face of Europe and beyond while Scotland are to play in Yugoslavia, Austria and Hungary. Even Stanley Matthews is playing a series of exhibition matches in South Africa.

Some of the places to be visited by clubs are the United States, South America, Mexico, Channel Islands, Malta, Turkey, South Africa, and practically every country in Europe.

Sir Stanley Rous, Secretary of the Football Association, said to me: "Now that our prestige has been restored we have seized the opportunity to make more missionary tours, such as to the West Indies. From my information this will be no picnic. The amateur party to go to Scandinavia will be of international strength and we are in no two minds what to expect in Madrid and Paris, even if the Oporto game may not be so different."

"We are particularly glad that Matthews is going to Johannesburg, the same as Tom Finney did last year. It can only do South African football good, and give someone else in the world the chance to see his great ability. After all, men like Matthews now rank with stage and film celebrities in entertainment value—even if their wagers are not so high!"

## REGULAR FEATURES

From what I gathered the Football Association is to be even more ambitious in the

future. Trips like that to the West Indies are to become regular features and one in mind is to West Africa. A Nigerian team has already visited Britain and a return visit is contemplated. Most of the Colonies will be favoured later, but I suspect the FA's big goal is to build up a full international side good enough to beat the Hungarians at some future date and so gain revenge for those two catastrophes which overtook us not so long ago.

The nucleus has already been framed, even more than a nucleus. Just the odd spot of weakness needs filling in, and with the young talent which is coming forward every month at the Selectors' disposal, that should not be difficult. What a godsend the Youth movement has proved to be! It would have served its purpose if it had produced only Duncan Edwards and Johnny Haynes. Instead, it has thrown up dozens of young players of near their calibre as witness the "Under-23" triumph over Italy.

THE SCREEN'S TWO  
ENIGMAS—GRETA GARBO  
AND GRACE KELLY

By KAY MURRAY

Although it is fourteen years since she has made a film, crowds in America and elsewhere are literally lining up four-deep to see Greta Garbo in the re-issue of "Camille."

The recent special award of the Motion Picture Academy for "her luminous and unforgettable performances" has added to her box office popularity, too.

In an unauthorised biography John Bainbridge strips a few veils off the screen's most enigmatic figure, but she still remains a question-mark.

As two instances of her extraordinary impact on people, Bainbridge reports that a famous actress says: "She may be as thoughtless as a spoiled child, but she is still the most vivid personality in the world." And also quoted is top Manhattan editor, Fleur Cowles, who tells the story of an evening when Garbo was her dinner guest and was seated next to the Brazilian Ambassador.

When he left, the Ambassador thanked his hostess quite emotionally. "I will never forget you," he told Fleur Cowles, "because you gave me Garbo."

William Daniels, who photographed Garbo in many of her movies, took some tests three years ago and said: "She is definitely the most beautiful woman I ever photographed. Other than a few laugh wrinkles, her face was the same."

## ONLY TOO GLAD

Her old Studio, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, asked if they would take her back, replied: "You bet your sweet life!" If she wanted work, money would be no object. She is still "the tops."

And now—has anybody here seen Kelly?

Well, several millions have seen the Academy Award winner, but not many know her. She is rated almost as much of an enigma as Garbo.

"An iceberg in several respects," was one verdict. "All of them on the surface."

Another acquaintance said: "I think it would be possible to talk to her for the rest of your life, but you'd never know anything about her."

"I am reserved," admitted Grace, who won this year's "Oscar" for the best actress in "Country Girl." "I find it hard to be communicative with people when I first meet them."

The blonde, cool beauty, who has set a different standard of good looks for Hollywood, confessed that she found it difficult to talk about herself.

"Maybe that's why people say I'm cold."

For all her social poise (she comes of a wealthy Philadelphia family), the 25-year-old star hasn't yet learned to parry feline attacks. Another star, a certain volcanic brunette, called on her the other day and after surveying her with an expert eye said: "You've gained weight since I saw you last."

Grace replied helplessly: "Yes, I have," laying herself wide open to attack. But the volcanic brunette hadn't the heart to take advantage. She retracted her claws, and cooed: "Oh, but it's so becoming, darling."

## 11 APPOINTMENTS

Footnote on the Cinema's rival screen:

Even with talent it takes time to get a "break" in American television. This is the reason why fifteen producers of television programmes found themselves one bright morning each with a carrier pigeon in his mail.

The bird in every instance arrived in a box with a message from Ruth Harris, an enterprising young actress from Georgia, who was tired of waiting in New York producers' outer offices.

The message enclosed with the bird was typed out as a form that gave the recipient five choices:

1. Come in for an interview at 10 o'clock.

AN ARGUMENT  
COST MANAGER  
ALSTON \$50

New York, Apr. 25.

Manager Walt Alston of the Brooklyn Dodgers was fined \$50 by the National League President, Warren Giles, today for arguing with umpire Babe Pinelli during Friday night's game with the New York Giants.

Alston challenged the umpire after a squeeze play in the eighth inning misread and rookie Don Zimmer was called out at the plate attempting to score the game's tying run.  
The Giants won five to four, snapping Brooklyn's ten-game streak.—United Press.

Nominate YOUR  
Hongkong Footballer  
Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

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NOTICE is hereby given  
that the Sixty-Sixth Ordinary  
Yearly Meeting of Share-  
holders will be held at the  
offices of the Company,  
No. 9 Ice House Street, Fourth  
Floor, Hong Kong, on Thurs-  
day, 5th May 1955, at Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving  
the Statement of Accounts  
and the Report of the Direc-  
tors for the year ended 31st  
December 1954, and to trans-  
act the ordinary business of  
the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of  
the Company will be closed  
from Thursday, 21st April  
1955 until Thursday, 6th May  
1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board  
of Directors,  
Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd.  
R. V. LEDERHOFER,  
Director,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 15th Apr., 1955.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"ANTIOCHUS"  
Damaged cargo on this vessel will  
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &  
Douglas at 10:15 Wharf from 10 a.m.  
on April 28 and 29, 1955, and consignees  
are requested to have their  
representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, April 26, 1955.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"DONA ALICIA"  
Damaged cargo on this vessel will  
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &  
Douglas at 10:15 Wharf from 10 a.m.  
on April 26, 1955, and consignees are  
requested to have their representa-  
tives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, April 26, 1955.

## MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

P.O. Box 53 Queen's Building Tel: 26651  
FAST PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE  
"CAMBODGE" sailing May 21st  
"LAOS" sailing Jun. 18th

FAST FREIGHT SERVICE  
"PEIRO" sailing May 12th  
"BIR HAKEM" sailing June 25th

TRANS-CANADA INCREASES  
ORDER FOR  
VISCOUNTS

When a party of Canadian journalists was  
flown in a Vickers Viscount from Toronto to New  
York by Trans-Canada Airlines, the usual flying  
time was much reduced.

The average of the outward and return  
scheduled flight times was 1 hour 42 minutes, as  
against 2 hours 5 minutes by piston engine air-  
craft.

A similar party was flown  
from Montreal, and one of  
them, writing of the Viscount  
in the Montreal Gazette, said:  
"The top sales argument in  
favour of air travel is still  
speed."

## MADE MARK

"The Viscount made its  
mark, seemingly without  
effort, in that field."

"The turbine engine doesn't  
require the long period of  
checking operating parts and  
instruments that a piston engine  
does. That long wait at the  
end of the runway while the  
engines are tested is unneces-  
sary. So take-off was swift and  
flight, at the higher altitudes  
where a turbine operates best,  
was swifter."

Another Canadian was sur-  
prised to be able to stand a  
nickel on edge and find it still  
standing after ten minutes, due  
to the absence of vibration. He  
described the noise level as  
being no louder than that of a  
washing machine or vacuum  
cleaner, and added: "The effect  
is of effortless flying."

TCA has increased its Vis-  
count order for the second time,  
to a total of 25; this brings the  
number of Viscounts currently  
on firm order to 183, worth  
more than £50,000,000.

## Mixed Power Units

A glimpse of the probable  
future development of power-  
plants for interceptor fighters  
has been given in a lecture in  
London by the Chief Designer  
of Saunders-Roe, M. J. Brennan.

"Pointing out that the drop in  
thrust from a jet engine due to  
height amounts to as much as  
80 per cent of its sea level  
thrust at 50,000 feet, he indicated  
that this difficulty could be  
overcome by use of a liquid  
rocket combined with a jet  
engine. Thrust of a liquid  
rocket improves with height."

During take-off, the lecturer  
said, power is not a problem be-  
cause the thrust required for  
high speed flight is ample for  
the purpose. In order to reach  
altitude in the shortest possible  
time, future fighters may use  
their jet engines for take-off  
and the initial climb, boosting  
their climbing speed by using  
rocket thrust when the climb  
achieved by the jet alone begins  
to deteriorate. The total weight  
of engines plus fuel is well  
below the total weight in the  
pure jet or pure rocket designs.

Where it is unnecessary to  
reach fighting altitude in the  
minimum time, such as patrol  
fighters, the jet engine alone could  
be used for climb, conserving  
the rocket fuel for actual combat.  
Another advantage of mixed  
power units is that although  
the total weight of mixed  
engines and their fuel is less  
than in the pure jet fighter, an  
aircraft with the mixed engines  
uses more fuel than the pure  
jet during its climb. Conse-  
quently when it reaches  
operational height it weighs less  
than a pure jet aircraft, because  
a substantial proportion of its  
fuel has already been consumed,  
and it therefore has a lower  
wing loading. The result is that  
its manoeuvrability, an im-  
portant factor in combat, is  
improved.

## Acceleration

When acceleration from  
Mach 1 to twice that speed  
is required, rocket thrust can  
achieve the increase in one  
minute or less, whereas if  
the same acceleration were  
achieved by additional jet  
power, the time needed  
would be ten minutes.

In spite of the great advan-  
tage of the rocket for accelera-  
tion, a pure rocket aircraft is  
not necessarily the best design  
for an interceptor because of  
the jet engine's superiority  
during take-off and cruise at

low levels where the rocket is  
less efficient. For a duration of  
more than ten minutes, the jet,  
with its lower fuel consumption,  
has a substantial advantage over  
the rocket, and consequently the  
combination of the two results  
in superior performance in all  
round.

The fighter with mixed power  
units is by no means a purely  
theoretical ideal. A typical  
example among contemporary  
aircraft is a French naval strike  
fighter, which is powered by an  
Armstrong-Siddeley Mamba  
turbo-prop and a Rolls-Royce  
Nene jet engine. This aircraft  
first flew in 1951. Its mixture  
of turbo-prop and jet engine  
fulfils similar functions in a  
lower speed range to those sug-  
gested for a combination of the  
rocket with the jet.

## THE PROPHET

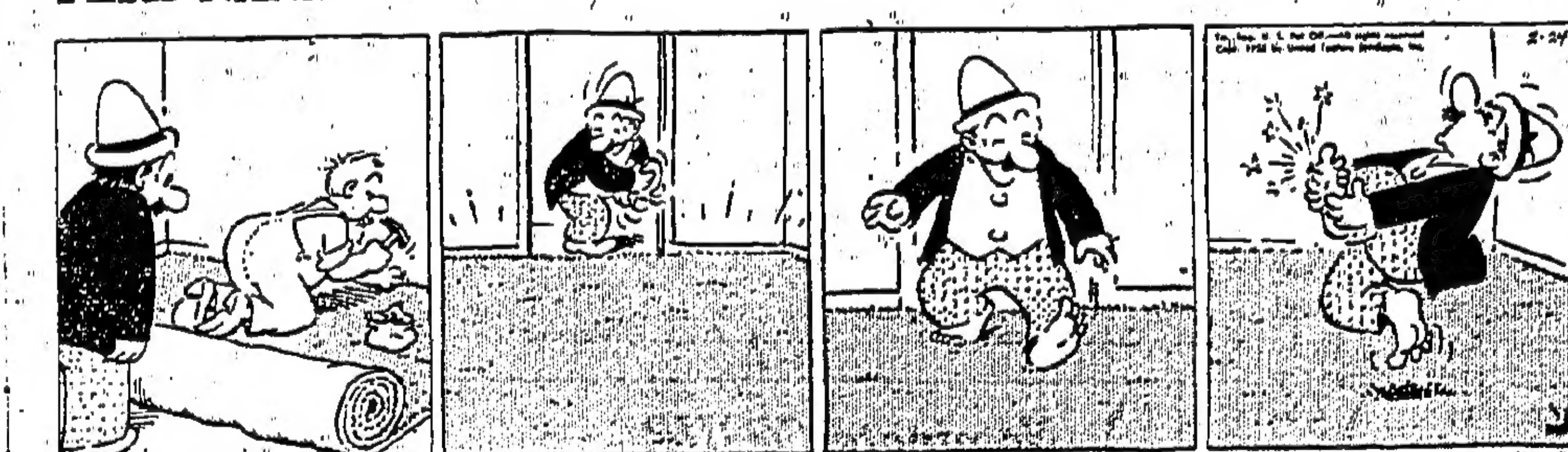
The time will come when  
thou shalt lift thine eyes,  
To watch a long-drawn  
battle in the skies,  
While aged peasants, too  
amazed for words,  
Stare at the flying fleets  
of scoundrous birds.

England, so long the mis-  
tress of the sea,  
Where winds and waves  
confess her sovereignty,  
Her ancient triumphs yet  
on high shall bear,  
And reign the sovereign  
of the conquered air.  
Written by Thomas Gray  
in England, 1757.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



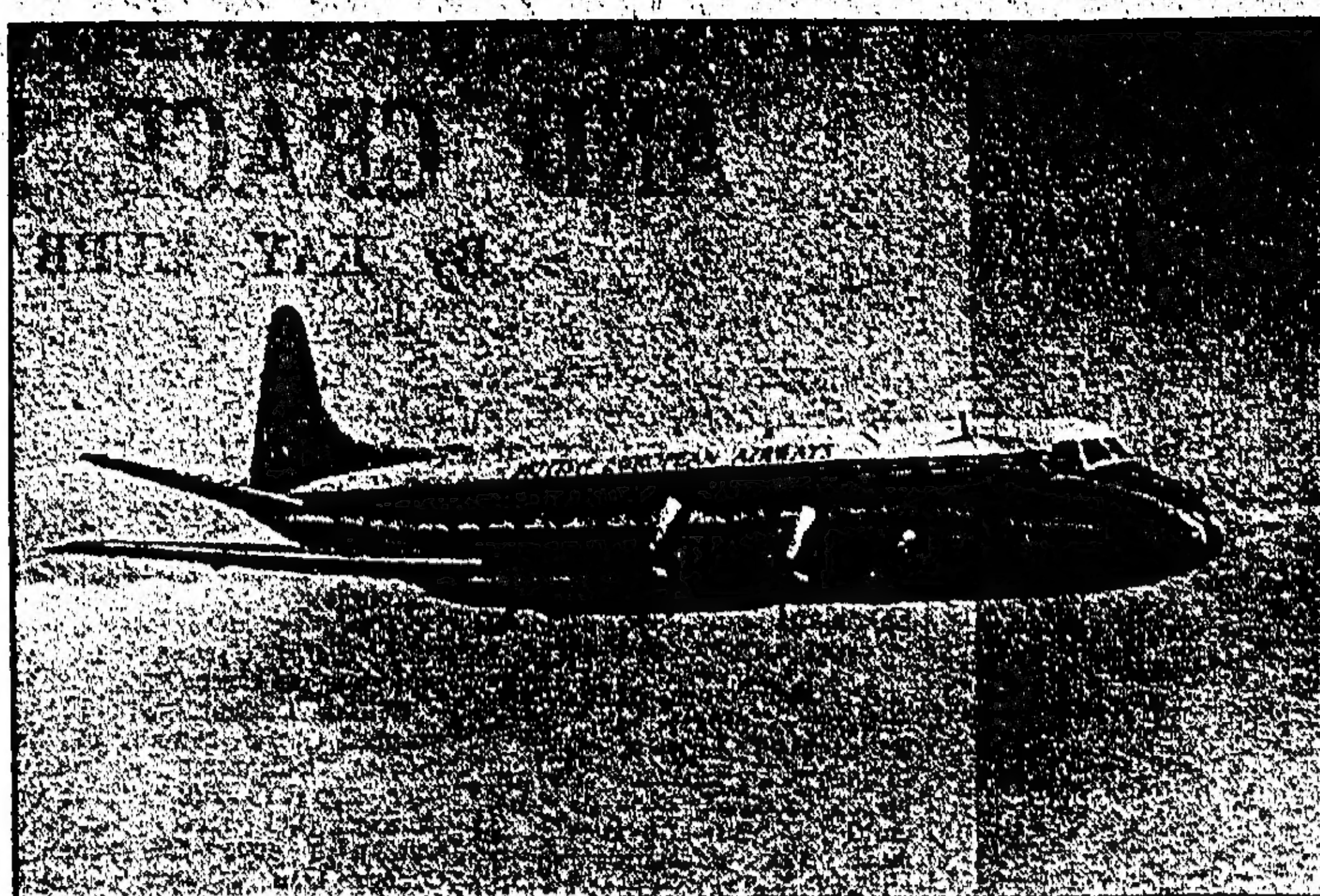
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TURBO-PROP'S  
POPULARITY

## More About Latin Lovers

Madrid, Apr. 24.

Two articles by American girls resident in Madrid, entitled  
"Why I like Spanish Men" and "Why I do not like Spanish  
Men" respectively, have been published by the local English  
language Spanish-American Courier.

The woman writing in favour of Spanish men said: "While the Spaniard does not respect a woman as a person to the extent that an American, somewhat reluctantly, does, he does respect something we might label 'womanhood' much more."

"He thinks women are often good because they like to be modest, because it comes natural to them; that widows live contentedly with memories of dead husbands, that wives are cheerfully faithful to absent husbands, and that stout girls dream chastely of true and permanent love."

"He admires and respects these traits and rewards them with a certain general consideration for the whole sex, which American women are sometimes surprised to find that they have been missing."

The other woman wrote: "Put me down as a spoiled American. If you like, but when it comes to men, I will swap handkissing, compliments, and being rushed-off-my-feet for affection, confidence and the wordless, endless compliment of his continued presence in my life."

"I think the devotion of American men to the women they choose, whether for a temporary try or in marriage, puts the Spanish kiss-and-run attitude far in the shade. Unless, perhaps, there is some Spaniard around able and willing to change my mind."

The Courier published the pictures, but not the names of its two contributors.—China Mail Special.

Another Subsidy  
For Truckers

Berlin, Apr. 25.  
The West Berlin City Govern-  
ment today voted a second  
1,000,000-mark (US\$250,000)  
grant to truckers to pay exorbi-  
tant Communist road tolls on  
truck traffic between Berlin and  
the West.

The new grant raises to  
2,750,000 marks (US\$680,000)  
the subsidies paid to truckers by  
the West Berlin and West  
German Governments since  
April 1, when the Communists  
raised their new road taxes.—  
United Press.

Mail  
Notices

The latest times of posting  
shown below are those for 12  
registered correspondence posted  
at G.P.O. Hong Kong. The latest  
posting times elsewhere which  
in general are earlier than the  
G.P.O. times can be ascertained  
by enquiry at the local office.  
The latest posting times for  
registered articles are generally  
one hour earlier than the times  
shown below. Particulars regard-  
ing parcel mails can be ascer-  
tained by enquiry at any post office.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

By Air

Philippines, 6 p.m.  
Korea, 6 p.m.  
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Indo-China, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

By Air

Thailand, 11 a.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway,  
Sweden, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 9 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
Thailand, Noon.  
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
Korea, 1 p.m.  
Indonesia, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

By Air

Japan, 8 a.m.  
Thailand, 11 a.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia,  
Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, N.  
Borneo, Mauritius, 9 a.m.  
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle  
East Africa, Great Britain & Europe,  
10 a.m.  
Philippines, Noon.  
Japan, Noon.  
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.  
Macao, 9 a.m.

Luxury  
Flats For  
Kowloon

Plans had been approved  
for the erection of luxury  
type apartment buildings in  
Kadoorie Avenue, it was  
disclosed by Mr Lawrence  
Kadoorie, chairman, at the  
annual general meeting of  
the Hongkong Engineers and  
Construction Company held  
this morning.

He said the ultimate design  
allows for 40 flats, but only 20  
will be built immediately.

These, he added, can be sup-  
plemented later by the addition  
of three more storeys after the  
new runway at Kai Tak airfield  
has been completed.

The cost of construction of the  
first stage was likely to absorb  
the Company's building reserve.

The Chairman reported a net  
profit for the year of \$835,454,  
and from this it was proposed to  
declare a dividend which would  
absorb \$160,000.

The Reserve for Building  
Development now stood at a  
total of \$2,000,000.

Given Rousing  
Welcome

The Salvation Army band,  
together with a number of little  
boys waving banners, gave Com-  
missioner John A. Allan, acting  
General Special Delegate on a  
world tour of inspection, a  
rousing welcome when he arrived  
from Tokyo this morning.

Also on hand to meet the  
Pan American flight at Kai Tak  
was Lt-Col. F. E. Jenkins, Officer  
Commanding the Salvation  
Army, Hong Kong.

Commissioner Allan has been  
to Japan, New Zealand and  
Korea inspecting various SA  
institutions. He told reporters at  
Kai Tak that membership this  
year was higher than ever  
before.

Mr Allan, formerly Chief of  
Staff of the Salvation Army's  
International Headquarters in  
London, will leave the Colony  
for Australia via Singapore on  
Saturday.

Tried To Sell  
Lost Camera

For unlawful possession of a  
Zeiss Ikon Camera, 21-year-old  
Tsang Ngan, unemployed, of 37,  
Shan Po Road, was fined \$250 or  
six weeks by Mr Hin-shing Lo  
of Central this morning.

Sub-Ins. D. J. Carty said  
that on April 22, defendant was  
seen by a Police constable on  
duty at Johnston Road going into  
a shop. After a while he came  
out and went into another shop.

The constable became sus-  
picious and entering the first  
shop asked the foki there what  
defendant had wanted. He was  
told that Tsang was trying to  
sell a camera for \$700.

When defendant came out of  
the shop, he was arrested. He  
confessed that he had found the  
camera.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.  
6. Time Signal and Programme  
Summary; 6.30, BBC Bandwidth. All  
Six Concert Bands and the  
British band by Harry Montrose  
(BBC); 7.30, First Hearing present-  
ing a series of programmes for  
"Students Guide". A Series of British  
Council Talks, designed to help  
Overseas students read by James Touchin  
—No. 2 (Standard); 7.30, "Sunday  
Serenade"; 7.30, La Demi-Heure  
Francophone. Presentation de M.  
Casse, jazz, Jerry Mengo (Studio);  
7.50, Weather Report; 8. Time  
Signal and World News (London  
Relay); 8.09, Commercial (London  
Relay); 8.15, British Sing (Birkenhead  
Male Voice Choir, BBC); 8.30,  
Forces Favourites (London Relay);  
9. Time Signal Musical Notebook  
presented by the Rev. Father T. P.  
Ryan, S. J. (Studio); 9.30, "A  
Chance in a Million: The Story of  
Sir Alexander Fleming, written by  
Charles Farr, Produced by Alice  
Baker (Studio); 10, (approx.) Leslie  
Bridgeport, the Westminster  
Night Orchestra; 10.20, At the Ballet,  
"La Bourgeoise Parisienne" (Hosini-  
Recital); 10.30, The Westminster  
Night Orchestra; 10.30, At the Ballet,  
"La Bourgeoise Parisienne" (Hosini-  
Recital); 11. Time Signal.  
Radio News Rest (London Relay);  
11.15, Goodnight Music. God Save  
The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

## Pepper Fraud

London, Apr. 25.  
Fraud squad detectives here  
are investigating large scale  
deals in pepper believed to  
involve more than £2 million  
following allegations that  
hundreds of tons supposed to be  
stored in wharves and ware-  
houses did not in fact exist.

It is thought that a number of  
firms may have lost many  
thousands of pounds.  
During the weekend police  
visited warehouses and wharves  
checking pepper supplies.  
Several men have been  
questioned and enquiries are  
expected to go on for some  
time.—China Mail Special.

...this situation  
calls for a  
**San Miguel**



## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## AMERICAN ECONOMY

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Apr. 25. President Eisenhower's announcement enlivened the stock market today.

Shipbuilding stocks in particular responded to his announcement that a new atomic-powered merchant ship is planned which will cruise the world to demonstrate peaceful use of atomic energy.

Bethlehem Steel, a leading shipbuilder, turned an initial two-point loss to a final gain of almost 2 points. It received another boost, along with the rest of the steels, from near-record production and anticipation of good earnings and dividend announcements from the leaders later this week.

## DYNAMICS UP

Newport News Shipbuilding climbed almost 2 points. General Dynamics, builder of the atomic submarine Nautilus, rose at one time, cut back off nearly a point after announcement of its plans to take over Stromberg Carlson on a share-for-share stock exchange. The latter improved 5 points.

Turnover for the day amounted to 7,720,000 shares, compared with 2,800,000 on Friday.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,150,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 750,000 Dow Jones closing averages were:

60 rails ..... 160.20  
15 utilities ..... 64.80  
30 stocks ..... 100.05  
Comm. future price index ..... 151.81

## YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Allen Inc. Adv.	22 1/2
Allied Chemicals	79 1/2
Alcoa	70 1/2
American Airlines	70 1/2
American Metal	54 1/2
American Smelting	48 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	130 1/2
American Tobacco	70 1/2
Armstrong	61 1/2
Armstrong	61 1/2
Baldwin	15 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	45 1/2
Bendix Aviation Corp.	50 1/2
Bentley Corp.	14 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	14 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	72 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	72 1/2
Case (I. I.) Co.	72 1/2
Chile Copper	46 1/2
Chrysler Motors	80 1/2
Commercial Credit	51 1/2
Commonwealth Elec.	40 1/2
Consolidated Steel	31 1/2
Corn Products	87 1/2
Cummins Co.	41 1/2
Cuban American Sugar	17 1/2
Curtis Wright	21 1/2
Dupont de Nemours	131 1/2
General Electric	51 1/2
General Foods	33 1/2
General Motors	38 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor	68 1/2
Goodrich (S. S.) Co.	42 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	60 1/2
Homestead Mining Co.	42 1/2
International Business Machines	43 1/2
International Harvester	37 1/2
International Nickel	40 1/2
International Paper	27 1/2
International Sales & Tel.	30 1/2
John-Manville Co.	30 1/2
Kennecott Copper	107 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	109 1/2
Lewis Corp.	109 1/2
Lone Star Cement Co.	109 1/2
Minnesota Mining	40 1/2
Montgomery Ward	78 1/2
National Cash Register "A"	44 1/2
National Dist. Co.	44 1/2
National Lead	52 1/2
New York Central	62 1/2
Otis Elevator	62 1/2
Pacific Gas & Electric	44 1/2
Pacific Western Oil	20 1/2
Paramount Pictures	40 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	72 1/2
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	71 1/2
Radio Corporation	43 1/2
Reo Motors	13 1/2
Republic Steel	54 1/2
Sinclair Oil	54 1/2
Socoy Vacuum	64 1/2
Standard Oil of California	40 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana	44 1/2
Standard Oil of New Jersey	44 1/2
Stetson-Van Camp	109 1/2
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	12 1/2
Swift & Co.	20 1/2
Texas Co.	20 1/2
Union Carbide	91 1/2
Union Pacific Railway	17 1/2
United Gas. Imp.	74 1/2
U.S. Gypsum	23 1/2
U.S. Rubber	33 1/2
United States Smelting	33 1/2
U.S. Steel	87 1/2
Warner Bros.	75 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	75 1/2
Woolworth	48 1/2

—United Press.

## London Foreign Exchange

New York	2.75-2.76-12 1/2
Montreal	2.75-2.76-12 1/2
Brussels	2.75-2.76-12 1/2
Copenhagen	19.40-19.41
London	80.15-80.30
Paris	80.15-80.30
Stockholm	14.54-14.55
Zurich	12.28-12.29

Others were unchanged.

## New York Foreign Exchange

Canada	1.01-1.02
England-official	2.75-2.76-12 1/2
unofficial	2.75-2.76-12 1/2
30-day futures	2.75-2.76-12 1/2
Australia	2.25-2.26
Belgium	11.84-11.85
Germany	2.25-2.26

Others were unchanged.

## Stock Market Hits New High—Confidence In Boom Increases

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Apr. 24.

Confidence in the economic situation of the United States soared to new heights last week. The nation talked about a boom as never before.

The stock market hit new highs. People are buying more homes, appliances, autos. Unemployment is down. Business is spending more for new plants. Autos, steel, electric power, construction—are operating at or near record levels.

## DYNAMICS UP

All this means lots of optimism—and lots of jobs, sales, dividends, profits.

Now there is talk that 1955 might be the best year in history, or at least, second to record 1953-54.

Only a few months ago, businessmen were cautiously optimistic about the future.

One reason for this feeling is the accumulating backlog in manufacturers' orders.

## OUTPACING SALES

New orders are outpacing sales, and for the first time in over two years, backlogs are climbing. Incoming business is probably at a new all-time high.

Manufacturers, in February, according to Dun and Bradstreet, were 33 per cent above a year ago.

## W. GERMANY TAKING PI COPRA

Bonn, Apr. 25. West Germany has agreed to import up to \$5,000,000 worth of Philippine copra as a good-will gesture under a new trade agreement, it was learned here today.

Negotiators of the two countries will sign a protocol at the West German Economic Ministry this afternoon recommending the conclusion of a formal trade pact providing for \$25,000,000 of trade in both directions.

## PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The German undertaking to issue licenses for imports of up to \$5,000,000 of copra is the principal feature of the planned agreement.

The agreement embodied in the protocol to be signed today was concluded after nearly one month of negotiations. It forces an increased market in West Germany for Philippine exports, particularly of copra and Manila hemp. In return, the Philippines would take increased amounts of German machinery and other high quality finished goods to help the island nation's economic development programme.

## New York Sugar Market

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged with sales of 135 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 point higher to 1 point lower with sales of six contracts.

World contract traders marked time pending raw market developments.

Domestic contract traders understood fairly substantial amounts of raws will arrive during the forepart of May on which sellers have not yet set a definite price; refiners also were also holding off for the present.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1) ..... 5.80  
Sterling (per £1) ..... 5.80  
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) ..... 13.20  
Siam baht (per 100) ..... 21.50  
Singapore (Straits) ..... 1.80  
Indo-China piastres (per 100) ..... 9.15

—United Press.

## London Stock Market

London, Apr. 25. Caution guided the stock market today.

Brokers generally avoided making new commitments pending further clarification of the Government's future credit policies. With a general election coming up next month, they are also interested in finding out which way the political wind is blowing.

All sections of the market had a tendency to drift along, some easing, some firming, but all within a narrow range.

A feature of the market was Chinese bonds, which ran up as much as £2 1/2 on speculative demand.

British Government bonds were either unchanged or down 1/8.

Leading industrial stocks were regularly lower. Unilever, Rolls-Royce and Ford lost major fractions.

Oils declined, too, with Royal Dutch off 2 1/4. Gold, diamond and copper shares were marked down. Debeers, the diamond monopoly, was off almost 2 1/2.

Foreign bonds with the exception of Chinese, were lower. Germans lost as much as £1.—United Press.

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Indo-China piastres (per 100) ..... 9.15

—United Press.

## LABOUR NEGOTIATIONS

Elsewhere are the vital labour negotiations involving the new concept of a guarantee annual wage. The auto industry used \$1 per cent of the \$1,037,000 to increase shipments of steel products. If anything happens in the industry, if there is a strike, the reaction on the rest of the economy could be considerable, it is felt.

Most experts see no labour trouble in the offing. They see there will be a compromise settlement. But even these are not ready to write off the possibility of a strike. So far the negotiations have been secret, and here are no indications as to how they are getting on.

Across the nation in a number of industries, notably chemical, mining, railroads, utilities, the possibility of a new wave of strikes was evidently seen as labour makes its move to demand increased wages.

The Government turned over three synthetic rubber plants to private ownership on Thursday as the industry mapped plans for a big expansion within the few years. The transfer was the first under the Government's plan to withdraw from the field. During World War II the ownership of all synthetic rubber plants was transferred to the Government. Several acts of Congress since the war have extended the Government's ownership until recently.—United Press.

## US SENATE POSTPONES ACTION

Washington, Apr. 25. The Senate Finance Committee today postponed action on proposals that would weaken President Eisenhower's foreign trade legislation.

Chairman Harry F. Byrd said it was hoped that acceptance compromises could be reached before the Committee meets again tomorrow.

The proposed amendments to House-approved administration legislation would limit imports of oil products, including residual fuel oil, to 10 per cent of domestic output, protect domestic producers of lead, zinc, fluorapatite and hardboard, and tighten the "escape clause" of the reciprocal trade law.

The House-approved bill would renew the reciprocal trade law for three years and give Mr. Eisenhower power to cut tariffs 15 per cent, five per cent a year.—United Press.

## World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Apr. 25. The rubber market was quiet and slightly easier with some trade and covering support at lower level. Future closings were:

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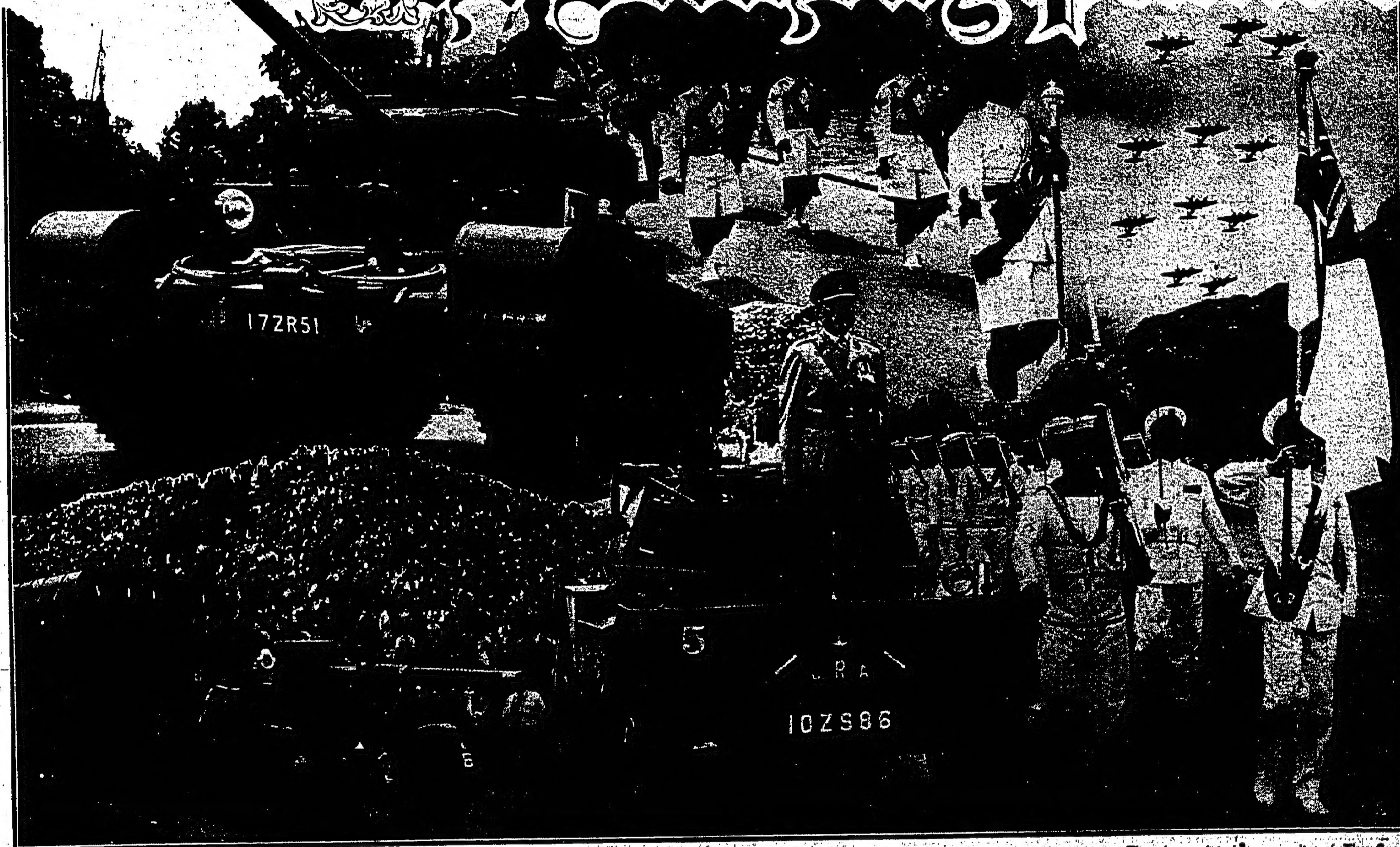
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## The Birthday Parade



### HK Telephone Company Manager Retiring

Honorary Consul for 25 years probably constitutes a record in local diplomatic circles. When Mr R. E. (Bob) Farrell, Manager of the Hongkong Telephone Company, and Hon. Consul for Spain, departs late next month on retirement he will leave that record behind.

Mr Farrell, who is completing his 32nd year in Hongkong, came here with the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company which was formed into a local corporation about 1929.

He joined the Company as an engineer and was appointed Acting Manager in 1946 pending confirmation of his present position.

Mr Farrell served in the Royal Naval Air Service during the first world war and was based at Dunkirk in 1918.

During the Pacific War he served in 40 Signal Company which was part of the HKDF, with the rank of sergeant.

About a year after the capture of the Colony Mr Farrell managed to get to Kuming through Mexico. Later he went to England and joined the Hongkong Planning Unit under Mr D. M. MacDougall, with the rank of major. He returned to Hongkong with the Unit and organised the rehabilitation of the telephone service.

In 1952 Mr Farrell was created a Chevalier of the Order of Merit by the Spanish Government for his services as Hon. Consul.

He is a past President of St Patrick's Society and a member of the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Hongkong Club.

Mr Farrell has not made up his mind where to settle down but he thinks that Spain might be the place.



MR R. E. FARRELL

### Today's Dress Parade

At a press preview at the Sincere Company yesterday, six pretty mannequins displayed the latest fashions of their annual dress parade.

The show opens today, and will run for three weeks.

On show will be the latest beach wear, day clothes and evening dresses, many of which have been designed in Hongkong.

The mannequins are trained by Mrs Nan Cowie.

### BAILEY APPEAL: THE CROWN REPLIES

The Solicitor-General, Mr Arthur Hooton QC, replying to the criticisms levied by Albert Francis Bailey at the Judge's summing-up in his libel trial, submitted before the Full Court of Appeal this morning, that having regard to the lengthy proceedings and the manner of Bailey's arguments and evidence, the Judge had accomplished a remarkable feat in producing such a clear summing-up.

Mr Hooton invited the full Court to hold that even if they found faults in the summing-up there was no miscarriage of justice.

Bailey is appealing against his conviction on three counts of criminal libel for which he was sentenced to nine months by Mr Justice J. Reynolds on January 27. He was released on \$5,000 bail on April 14 to conduct his appeal.

Mr Hooton first dealt with the limits of legal powers with regard to the ex officio information filed by the Attorney-General against Bailey. He argued that the legislature had intended the Attorney-General to have the power to file ex officio information at his discretion and there were no information in this way.

It was as clear as clear could be that the Courts could not review in any way the Attorney-General's discretion to file ex officio information for misdeemeanours, argued Mr Hooton. He cited authorities which stated that the issue of criminal information was entirely the discretion of the Attorney-General and no one could set such information aside. A statute would have to be passed to give the Courts control over such information, filed by the Attorney-General, he contended.

Mr Hooton agreed that the Courts could quash such information in certain cases if it were wrong on the face of it but there was no authority for the Courts to enquire into the reason for the Attorney-General filing such information.

Going on to Bailey's criticisms of Mr Justice Reynolds' summing-up, Mr Hooton declared that one must remember that the trial lasted a very long time and the type-written records extended to 784 pages.

The accused gave evidence day after day, and the charges he made, against Messrs Sin, Yee and Chan were based very largely upon his own arguments which were at times very difficult to understand. His evidence was prolonged rather than precise. After a trial of that length and nature it was very surprising indeed if the trial Judge, in trying to put the case concisely to the Jury so that they could understand, did not slip up in some place or other. As in all summings-up one could pull it to pieces if one took bit by bit and say this or that could have been better phrased.

I submit that having regard to the nature of the trial the Judge accomplished an astonishing feat of reducing to clarity all the charges of the accused, and producing the summing-up which he did. It was a fine piece of work and very able, Mr Hooton said.

He strongly urged the Court to hold that there had been no miscarriage of justice even if they did find anything which might be questioned in the summing-up. He submitted that when all those 700 odd pages were boiled down the position was that there was no evidence whatsoever to justify the charges against Mr Chan, and barely a scintilla against Mr Sin, even if one accepted everything that Bailey said.

Other local news stories will be found on page 8.

There was certainly nothing in either the case of Mr Chan or Mr Sin which would have been left to a Jury had they been tried in a criminal case. In the case of Mr Yee the only prima facie evidence of any conduct which could justify the use of the word "scurrilous" was Bailey's story of forgery which was so absurd that it was disbelieved by the Court in the civil action and obviously by the Judge in the libel case and should not be accepted by the Appeal Court. Certainly there was no evidence at all of any conspiracy to obtain judgment by fraud or to mislead the Police.

Mr Hooton submitted that the Jury rightly disbelieved Bailey's evidence. There never has been so much talk in the witness box with so little coming out of it," he said of Bailey's testimony.

The appeal is proceeding.

### Crowds Besiege Rummage Sale

Bargain-seekers arrived early outside the doors of the Missions to Seamen in Fenwick Street this morning, and because of the crowds the rummage sale organised by the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children opened before the scheduled time.

In a little while the carefully sorted garments had been well-jumbled and items of exceptional value were clutched triumphantly by the successful rummager.

Men were also shopping for bargains, and found a variety of suits and summer attire in their section.

Generous gifts of clothing have been received, and could not all be displayed in the large hall, but fresh stocks will be on view tomorrow at 1 a.m.

### Everybody Stared At Witness

Remarking that he had noticed everybody was staring at Tam Shun, the complainant in the rape re-trial, and that whether she was lying or telling the truth did not help matters, Mr Justice James Wicks in the Criminal Sessions this morning ordered a chair for her in order that she should take things easy.

His Lordship added that whether she was lying or telling the truth was a matter entirely for the Jury.

The Judge's comments occurred during the cross-examination of the complainant by Defence Counsel, Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, this morning.

Accused in the case is Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 49. He is charged with raping Tam Shun, a 25-year-old spinster, at his clinic in Nathan Road, on August 28, 1954.

Appearing for Dr Ng is Mr Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. de Silva.

The Crown is represented by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr D. F. O. Moyne, Crown Counsel. Detective Inspector W. Watson was present for the Police.

Asked what she meant by a hysterical condition, Tam Shun told Mr Bernacchi that she was just hysterical. She was giddy and dizzy but with an awakened mind.

She agreed that because she had "this awakened mind" she was able to remember details clearly. Hearing is continuing.

The above pictorial composite of The Queen's birthday parade shows (top left) one of the tanks in the procession; (bottom left) an anti-aircraft gun with a section of the huge crowd of spectators in the background; (top centre) the Pipes and Drums of the 2/2 Gurkhas; (bottom centre) Brigadier L. M. Cholmeley, who was Parade Commander, heading the parade in his Army scout car; (top right) some of the planes taking part in the fly past; (bottom right) the leading section of a naval contingent. Pictures by staff photographer.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, that must be the plumber's kit your father bought the year you were born!—I think he used it once or twice—it was one of his money-saving ideas!"

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